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Frontliner window closed

Centre on Saturday said no fresh registration of frontliners will be allowed to prevent the misuse of provisions by ineligible people to jump the queue

SHARP SPIKE

89,129 cases recorded on Saturday

714 fatalities, the highest in over six months

47,913 cases reported from Maharashtra, followed by Karnataka and Chhattisgarh (4,174)

The last time such a high spike was reported was on September 20, 2020, when **92,605** infections were recorded in 24 hours

50% CASES IN 10 DISTS

6,58,909 active cases on Saturday (**5.32%** of total infections)

10 DISTRICTS: Pune, Mumbai, Nagpur, Thane, Nashik, Bengaluru Urban, Aurangabad, Delhi, Ahmednagar and Nanded (50% of the total active caseload in the country)

PROBLEM STATES

Maharashtra has shown a nine-fold jump in the number of active cases in the past two months

In percentage terms, Punjab has reported the maximum increase in active cases

Five states — Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, K'taka and Chhattisgarh — together account for **77.3%** of the total active cases

IPL UNDER COVID SCARE

A raft of Covid-19 positives dampened the build-up to the next edition of the IPL, scheduled to begin on April 9. Here's a look at developments

- Axar Patel becomes second IPL player after Nitish Rana to test positive. Rana started training again on Saturday
- More than 15 others, including six event management officials, also test positive
- Organisers bringing in different set of ground staff to tend to Wankhede Stadium after they also test positive
- Reports suggest Hyderabad kept as a back-up option to shift games but Mumbai to remain venue as of now | P11, 13

24,69,59,192

SAMPLES TESTED FOR COVID-19 UP TO APRIL 2

EIGHT STATES

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh account for **81.42%** of single-day infections

ANNOUNCEMENT

The cover price of The New Sunday Express has been revised to ₹12 with effect from April 04, 2021.
– Editor

EXPRESS READ

Jailed professor Saibaba sacked

New Delhi: Delhi University's Ram Lal Anand College has terminated the service of Assistant Professor G N Saibaba, who is currently serving life term in Nagpur Central Prison for alleged Maoist links. Terming the latest development as a "witch hunt", Saibaba's wife Vasantha alleged that it was a "violation of employee's rights" and that she will move court.

Govt climbs down on movie hall curbs

50 pc seating will now be enforced from April 7; move comes after film industry representatives meet CM

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

A day after it announced stringent measures to tackle the spread of the coronavirus, the State Government modified its order on 50 per cent seating capacity in cinema halls, coming under pressure from the film industry. Cinema halls can now have full seating capacity till April 6.

"Under Clause 10 of the order, seating in cinema halls was restricted to a maximum of 50 per cent of the capacity. The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce has made a request to the CM to allow cinema halls to run at full capacity as advance online bookings have been made and due to non-receipt of advance notice. It is now decided that the restriction will be made applicable with effect from April 7, 2021," a fresh order from Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar said.

Just a few hours before Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa did a U-turn, Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar had insisted that the government was firm on its Covid-19 guidelines issued on Friday and that there won't be any relaxation even if there is pressure from any sector.

However, actor Puneeth Rajkumar, whose big budget movie *Yuvarathna* saw a grand release on Thursday, along with members of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce met the CM on Saturday evening and requested him to revoke the order, citing pre-bookings for movies that were released on Thursday. P5

State Government's U-turns in the past

APRIL 2020: Allowed two-wheelers and opening of IT-BT offices with one-third workforce, but withdrew the relaxations following criticism from health experts

NOV 2020: Banned crackers for Deepavali, but revoked it later, allowing only green firecrackers

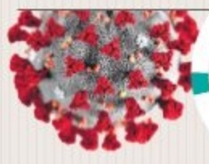
DEC 2020: Announced night curfew, but withdrew the order six hours before it was to be imposed

BATTLING THE SECOND WAVE

4,373 CASES REPORTED IN THE STATE ON SATURDAY

TOP THREE DISTRICTS WITH THE MOST CASES

3,002	BENGALURU URBAN
172	BIDAR
171	MYSURU



3.53% Positivity Rate

1,23,830 Samples tested on Saturday

41,73,573 Total vaccinations achieved so far

EVEN AS CORNAVIRUS BITES, FEWER PEOPLE GO FOR THE VACCINE

Even as Covid-19 cases continue to alarmingly rise in the state, the number of people coming foward to get vaccinated is comparatively low. According to Dr V Ravi, former head of Neurovirology, NIMHANS, and member of Karnataka Covid Task Force, only about 70 per cent of the vaccine stock allocated to Karnataka is being used daily on an average. P3

HATHRAS PLOT

CHARGE-SHEET FILED AGAINST 8 PFI MEMBERS

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Special Task Force (STF) of the Uttar Pradesh police on Saturday filed a 5,000-page charge-sheet against eight members of Popular Front of India (PFI) in the Mathura additional district judge and sessions court on Saturday. The court has posted the matter for next hearing on May 1.

Those named in the charge-sheet include journalist Siddique Kappan, Atiqur Rehman, Rauf Sharif, Mohammad Danish, Alam, Masood Ahmad, Feroz Khan and Asad Badruddin. All the accused were charged with receiving ₹80 lakh from financial institutions in Muscat and Doha for fomenting unrest in UP. The STF had arrested five PFI members, including Kappan, in Mathura on October 5, 2020, while they were on the way to Hathras allegedly to meet the family of a Dalit girl who was gangraped. The FIR against them said they were going to Hathras with an intention "to breach the peace" as part of a "conspiracy". CONTINUED ON: P10

Maoists kill five jawans in ambush

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur

A fierce gun battle between ambushed security forces and Maoists left at least five personnel and two rebels dead in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Saturday. Around a dozen personnel were reported injured.

Reinforcements were rushed to the scene of action, but the security forces were yet to return from the operation, Director General of Police D M Awasthi stated. CONTINUED ON: P10

Drunk man sets house on fire, kills 6

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Madikeri

Six people, including four children, were burnt alive in their sleep by a family member at Mugutageri village in Ponnampet taluk of Kodagu district in the early hours on Saturday. Two others were injured and are being treated at hospitals in Madikeri and Mysuru. The accused Yeravara Boja (50), however, is absconding.

Boja, an estate labourer staying at the workers' quarters (line house) in a private estate at Mugutageri, used to have frequent fights with his wife Babi. Miffed, Babi moved to her brother Manju's quarters in the same village about a week ago and is said to have ignored all phone calls from Boja. P7

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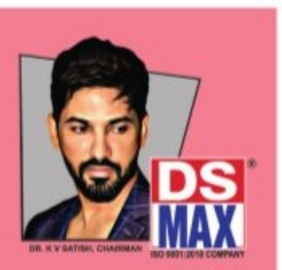

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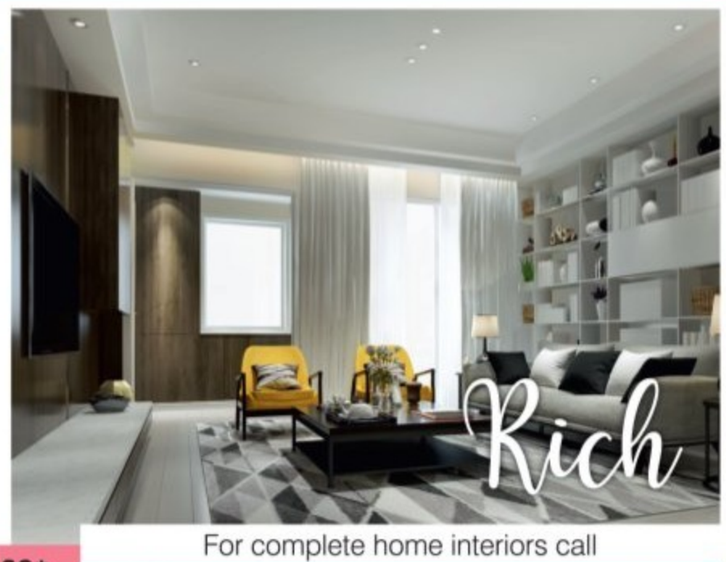

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• Nakshatra: Moola 7.17 am • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• Gulikakala: 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • Yamaganda: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

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MIN 22°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST
Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.14 am
Sunset 6.31 pm
Moonrise 12.23 pm
Moonset 11.59 am

WAKE UP AND SMELL THE NEW BEAN

Kodagu coffee growers capitalise on the world's most expensive poop, get income boost

Kodagu dist among the first places in India to produce Kopi Luwak, world's most expensive coffee

Robusta and Arabica coffee cherry price
₹2,500-₹ 4,000
for 50 kg

Civet coffee poop marketed at minimum
₹1,000
per kg

Processed Civet Coffee priced at
₹40,000 - ₹50,000
per kg in international market

Profits earned from Civet Coffee lead to conservation of the species in Kodagu

Kodagu produces nearly
36%
of India's coffee

PRAJNA GR @Madikeri

DECEMBER to January is coffee cherry time in Kodagu, and estates across the district wear an ornamental red look during this period. Among the first visitors who come in quest of the aroma of the coffee cherries are the Asian Palm Civets, who are among the best coffee pickers. They pick and feast on premium quality coffee cherries on the vast estates and poop out the most expensive coffee beans in the world.

Kodagu district has a large population of civets – a cat-like wild animal whose population is scattered across certain belts of the district. While civets were earlier hunted down as game meat, they are now welcomed as special guests as they generate additional revenue for coffee growers. It is only recently that Kodagu has found a way to generate revenue from the world's most expensive poop.

Kopi Luwak, or Civet Coffee, brewed from the processed poop of civets, is the world's most expensive coffee. What is so special about civet poop? The coffee beans ferment in the civet's intestine, and when defecated, are coated with additional aroma and nutrients.

"Kopi Luwak is popular in Indonesia and some Western countries. These countries cage civets, feed them premium coffee cherries and brew this exotic coffee," explains Thammoo Poovaiah, proprietor of AinMane.

However, in Kodagu, civets are free range wild cats and are not harmed or caged. Growers, especially women, collect civet poop scattered across coffee estates and sell it for over Rs 1,000 per kilo.

Abhishek and Poojashree

Poojashree, a native of Sullia, moved to Kodagu after marrying Abhishek, an estate owner in Murnad. She gradually learnt about civets and spotted a few on their 25-acre coffee estate. Astonished to find coffee beans neatly arranged in civet poop, she planned to capitalise on it and attempted to sell the poop on online platforms. "During coffee harvest time, we roam the estate and look for civet poop, and collect 8-10 kilos annually in December and January," she narrates.

She started selling samples of civet poop across online sites in 2018, and even processed it. "A few online forums asked for roasted civet beans. So I have also tried my hands at cleaning civet poop and roasting the beans, which sold for Rs 3,000 per kilo." However, the pandemic has affected online sales and this year, she sold the civet poop to AinMane Café in Madikeri.

Rani Neelamma, a resident of Mekeri village, would collect civet poop and powder the roasted beans for her own use. However, she recently learnt about the profitable returns, and now collects civet poop from across estates to earn pocket money.

Roopa KC, a resident of Murnad, owns over 20 acres of coffee estate, with many visiting civets. "I manage the estate alone and don't have time to collect civet poop. I requested labourers to collect it and sold it last year. This year, I have just kept a sample of the poop by the window sill for visitors to take a look," she says.

While civets have been residing in the district for ages, it is only recently that their faeces has gained economic importance. "Nearly four years ago, I started collecting civet poop from growers across the district," recalls Poovaiah. He ensured that the coffee beans were not mixed with the droppings, and sent unadulterated poop to the Coffee Board to be analysed.

There was no doubt about the quality of the beans. "From 5kg of poop, one can get just 2kg of coffee. The beans has to be thoroughly cleaned manually, hulled to perfection, graded and roasted to produce this expensive brand of coffee," he says.

He reckons that the idea of civets being just game meat has now changed, and civet coffee production in the district has led to conservation of these cats. "Among the three types of civets, two are vegetarians and their diet largely consists of ripened fruits, including coffee (during the season) and toddy fruit. They are free range animals and their population is concentrated across Murnad, Parane and Birunani areas," he says.

Poovaiah collects nearly three to four tonnes of Civet Coffee annually, and over 100 growers across the district contribute to this massive collection. He had exported it to Brazil last year, and Kodagu's Civet Coffee is now grabbing the attention of international coffee connoisseurs. "Many small growers are earning additional revenue. While Civet Coffee is banned in many countries due to exploitation of these rare cats, in Kodagu, it has resulted in their conservation," he says.

DIGGING OUT THE BOOKWORMS

SUNIL PATIL @Belagavi

PRATIKSHA Mohan Kolamuskar, a Class VII student, had never set foot in her village library in Bidi until recently. She didn't think there was anything interesting to find there. The rented building that housed the library was badly lit and poorly ventilated, and had barely about 2,000 books.

But with its recent makeover, the library has brought out the bookworm in children and adults alike in this village.

"I never miss a chance to go to the new and advanced library," Pratiksha says. The library has already taught her something she didn't know before. "There is a separate section for girls. There are women-centric books that we love to read," she says. She also enjoys reading short stories, comics about Akbar and Birbal, and mythological stories.

The library in Bidi, Belagavi district, underwent a transformation, thanks to the efforts and imagination of Panchayat Development Officer Ganesh Kalale and other officials who revamped it in a manner that reflects the essence of the state government's Oduva Belaku programme.

Ganesh, along with Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer Darshan H V, Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer B V Adavimath and other gram panchayat officials planned and carried out the library's makeover after Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Secretary Uma Mahadevan Dasgupta issued a circular last year directing panchayats to implement the Oduva Belaku programme.

Construction of a new building for the library was completed by November 2020 at a cost of Rs 8 lakh with funds from the Gram Vikas Yojana and the 14th Finance Commission. The following month, they added furniture, and Assistant Commissioner of Belagavi taluk Ashok Teli contributed 400 books. Belagavi Central Library donated 800 and the Gram Panchayat bought 150 books.

On January 1, the panchayat opened the doors of the new library, which keeps a stock of multiple newspapers and magazines, 4,500 physical books in English, Kannada, Marathi and Hindi, and access to around 40,000 e-books through the Karnataka Public Library (www.Karnatakapubliclibrary.com) via computers.

But Ganesh says that the new library was as much about the right infrastructure as it is about atmosphere. "Our objective is to create and facilitate a pleasant environment for senior citizens who love to read. We also want to attract the younger crowd," says Ganesh.

Children sit on the lawn to enjoy a quick afternoon read | EXPRESS

The panchayat officials decorated the place with potted plants, and cleared the garbage from the vicinity of the new building and created a lawn where people can read. This design has worked well and children often sit on the lawn engrossed in their books, and when they look up from the page, they see walls decorated with paintings and quotes.

To foster a culture of learning, panchayat officials also fulfilled a long-standing demand of the villagers. Near the new building is an open well that was dug in 1924 and has since dried up. The panchayat restored the well, sending out the message of conservation and restoration of water bodies - an important one for a region that is often drough-hit.

Taluk Panchayat Executive Officer B V Adavimath said, "The purpose of such a state-of-the-art library is to develop a reading habit among the young generation. Reading could also help people become wiser."

Pundalik Katekar, one of Bidi's 8,400 residents, perhaps speaks for rural communities over the world when he says that the library will help level the playing field for the young people of the village. The library caters to hundreds of students in two private high schools, two pre-university colleges, a degree college, an Industrial Training Institute and a Dr BR Ambedkar Residential School in Bidi, and also those from villages in a 10km-radius.

"There are many students from poor families who cannot buy books to study for competitive exams or shell out money to access computers. Such students will greatly benefit from the access to books and computers and they can study, apply for examinations and jobs from here. This library will ultimately help shape the career of our youth," he said.

Our objective is to create and facilitate a pleasant environment for senior citizens who love to read. We also want to attract the younger crowd
Ganesh Kalale, PDO

MONSOON AHEAD

BBMP readies for rains in coming days

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BBMP Administrator Rakesh Singh said that officials should start preparing for the upcoming monsoon season.

Speaking at a meeting to review monsoon preparedness on Saturday, Singh said that officials should start preparing for the rain well in advance.

He informed that BBMP has a control room in all areas of the city for quick response during the monsoon. Also, 63 temporary control rooms will be set up at the ward-level for the four months of rain. Along with this, personnel, equipment and vehicles are required to clear fallen trees which will be provided. He also added that 45 HP pumps will be ready to pump out excess water from flooded areas.

Singh also said, "Wherever curbstones and slabs are broken from the city's sidewalks, they should be cleared immediately so as to not disrupt pedestrian traffic. All authorities must respond quickly and settle complaints."

He also pointed out that zonal commissioners must work in their respective zones for at least three hours. They should also devote at least one hour to public complaints.

BBMP Commissioner Gaurav Gupta was present.

Light rain but no mango showers yet

Bengaluru: With almost no rainfall in March this year for Bengaluru, the scorched city finally breathed a sigh of relief thanks to light showers on Saturday. While some places experienced light rain, in others, it was just a drizzle. No rainfall was reported from areas like Malleswaram, Banaswadi, Yelahanka and surrounding areas. According to IMD officials, Bengaluru will receive light rainfall for the next 24 hours. They further said that this rainfall cannot be called mango showers.

'Next 15 days crucial, citizens' involvement needed'

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE next 10-15 days will be crucial in controlling the Covid-19 situation and citizens' involvement is a must. Citizens must follow Covid-Appropriate Behaviour to control the spread, or else the situation may get worse, warns Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike **Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta.** It is now up to citizens how they join hands with the government to break the pandemic chain and control its spread, he said.

You have taken over as Chief Commissioner at a time when Covid cases are surging. How do you intend to tackle the situation and what, according to you, is the reason for the rise?

We have seen a spurt in cases in the last two weeks and we need to contain further spread of the virus. For this, Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) is very important. The mantra should be wearing mask, maintaining social distance and sanitisation. People should minimise their interactions and avoid going to crowded places. If we are able to control the situation in the next 10-15 days, it will be a major victory, otherwise the situation is likely to go out of hand. We are not talking of increasing penalty or bringing in stricter enforcement, but citizens should be aware. I am not saying travel should be avoided totally, but put it off for the next 10- 15 days, as they are crucial. People aged between 20-45 years who are asymptomatic carriers should get themselves tested.

The reason for the rise, I am given to understand, is because of the many events being held, like weddings, parties, rallies and protests. Also, people travelled thinking that everything was getting normal, but there was a sudden rise in cases from mid-March. We hope and request the same strictness which people followed last March, are followed now also. It has to become a people's movement.

Experts say the second wave is more dangerous. What are the lessons learnt from the past and how well prepared is the BBMP and government to tackle the situation?

We have already increased the bed capacity. The trend is that around 10 per cent of Covid-positive patients prefer home isolation. As of now, the number of beds in private and government hospitals is adequate. Now we are gearing ourselves to have more beds in private hospitals if the cases rise even further. Discussions have also been held with enforcement agencies to ensure that all Covid guidelines are followed.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

Home isolation, contact tracing and quarantine are non-medical interventions, but very important from the point of view of controlling the virus spread. Non-BBMP staff who were earlier deputed for Covid duty are now being brought back as cases are rising. Meetings are being held with zonal coordinators and special officers are appointed in each zone to look into contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. If this is rightly addressed, then there will be lesser rush in hospitals and the situation can be controlled.

You're the first chief commissioner of Bengaluru and the state government has made city's improvement its agenda. It has also set 6-7 months deadline to bring in changes. What are the priority works and do you think can be completed in the given time frame?

The priority works are those listed out by the Chief Minister in Mission 2022 — clean Bengaluru, green Bengaluru, easy and faster commute and connecting citizens to the city. We are working to upgrade all arterial roads to National Highway standards and deadlines have been set. Substantial part of the works will be completed in 6-10 months. Smart City road works will be copmleted in 4-6 months and May-end is the deadline for ongoing works. Works taken up by KRDCL will be completed in 10-12 months and creation of neighbourhood lakes will be done by February, 2022. Deadline for development of parks and forests is 3-4 months. We are creating a unified digital platform where all citizen services can be availed. We are also working on reducing the time taken for approvals and plan sanctions to 15 days wherever right of way is not needed.

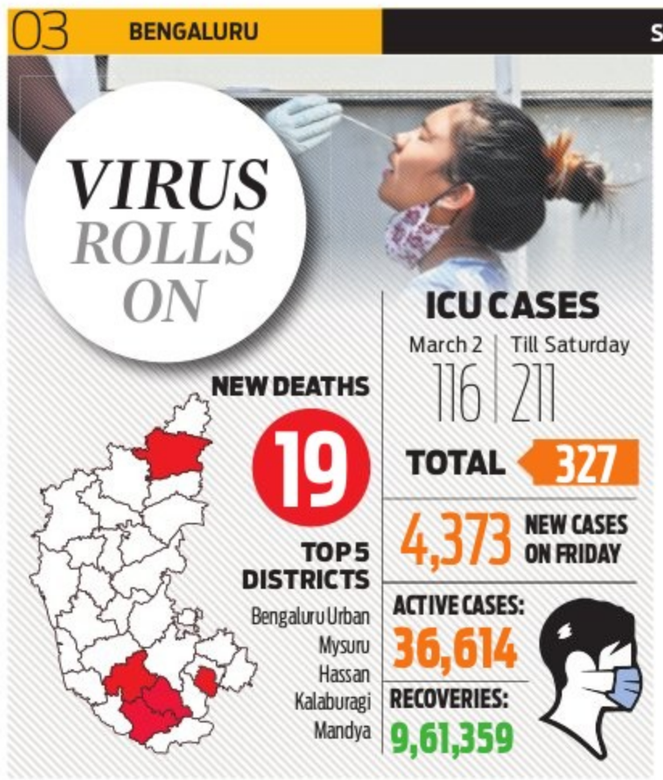
Bengaluru being is a global City, what changes would you like to bring?

Bengaluru is a global economic cluster and the IT City of the world. From the investment perspective, one of the constraints has been in fiscal capacity and infrastructure. We hope to make some improvements and changes here. The BBMP is a nodal agency and there are other parastatials which are working in conjunction and coordination. So what we need is a smooth functioning and this is what we want to achieve.

As a citizen, as a commoner, what you think needs to be done to improve Bengaluru? Can you list some top priority issues?

Improving footpaths, make them better for pedestrians; having better walkways and more public toilets. Works taken up should be completed in time. Another priority is lasting infrastructure.

All tourist centres across Kodagu have been ordered shut till April 20 as a precautionary measure to control the spread of Covid-19. The order also placed restrictions on public gatherings, including religious ceremonies



EXPRESS READ

Police intensify patrolling to enforce Covid norms

The city police have intensified patrolling to ensure strict implementation of the state government's new Covid guidelines. Police personnel visited public places, shops and commercial establishments to put up social distancing markers for people waiting in queues. In several neighbourhoods, patrolling personnel used public address systems to remind people to wear masks and maintain social distancing. "Those failing to follow the rules will be penalised," police said. **ENS**

ONLY 70PC OF VACCINE STOCK BEING USED DAILY, SAYS VIROLOGIST

'40% of 45+ vaccinated in last two days; hesitancy among health and frontline workers too'

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

EVEN as Covid cases continue to rise in the State at an alarming rate, there is growing complacency towards wearing face masks and getting vaccinated. "Only 70 per cent of Covid vaccine stock, which is allocated to Karnataka, is being used on an average daily basis," said former head of Neurovirology, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences and member of Karnataka Covid task force Dr V Ravi.

"In the last two days after the government opened up vaccination for 45 years and above, only 40 per cent have taken the vaccine. There is vaccine hesitancy not only among the public but also among healthcare and frontline workers," said the noted virologist. "Only 70 per cent of healthcare workers and 40 per cent of frontline workers in Karnataka have taken the COVID vaccine," he said.

Women without face masks at Gandhi Bazaar on Saturday. Even as Covid cases continue to rise, more and more people fail to wear masks in public places | VINOD KUMAR T

"People have become complacent about Covid and don't seem to care about their health and that of others. We hardly see them wearing masks in public places. Those, who have been vaccinated think they are beyond Covid and have thrown all caution to wind despite repeated warnings by the government," he added. "Vaccination and post-vaccination protocols need to be followed strictly. The road ahead is going to be full of road blocks now on," he cautioned.

The State Government, meanwhile, is ramping up measures to ensure that people follow Covid guidelines and maximum number of people in the permitted groups get vaccinated. "We have given permission to Gram Panchayats to use KSRTC (Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation) buses to ferry people in rural areas back and forth to the public healthcare centres free of cost for Covid vaccination," the Additional Chief Secretary to Government cum Development Commissioner, Bengaluru, Vandita Sharma, told *TNSE*.

She added that more number of marshals and home guards will soon be deployed to ensure proper use of face masks.

"The government is making all possible efforts to bring the growth rate of the virus down in Karnataka. People need to cooperate, mask up and get vaccinated when their turn comes," she added.

Fewer people turning up for second dose in many districts

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

WHILE the turnout of beneficiaries for the dose under phase-3 of the of vaccination drive for senior citizens and those with comorbidities aged between the age of 45-59 years, was good, the response for the second dose, which started from March 29, has been rather tepid in many districts.

This is because of the recent government's direction extending the gap between the dosages from 28 days apart to 6-8 weeks. Also, there is lack of availability of vaccines in many places, causing hindrance to the drive, health officials pointed out. Hesitancy still persists amongst people, they added.

Till date over, 8,13,411 people in the 45-59 age group have been vaccinated for the first dose and 3,515 people have been administered the second dose. In the 60-plus age group, 21,03,247 people have been vaccinated in the state and 8,825 have got the second dosage.

While Bengaluru Urban has topped the chart in administering the second dose, with 2,455 senior citizens and 950 in the 45-59 age group with comorbidities being vaccinated, other ditricts like Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru, Ramanagara, Vijayapura, Yadgir and Chamarajnagar have recorded poor response with not even 150 people getting second dose.

In Kodagu district, the second dose has been given to 134 senior citizens and people between 45-59 years age group, so far. "Now with guidelines that Covishield should be taken after 6-8 weeks, many people are extending the gap between the two doses. However, some have come forward and taken it. Awareness needs to be created on the importance of the second dose, which we are doing," said local health officials.

In Ramanagara district, only 10 senior citizens and six people aged between 45-60 years turned up for the second dose. "The turnout has been comparatively low for the second dose. However, we are spreading awareness in the district as it is important to take the second dose," an official said.

Dr Deepak Balani, Chief of Medical Services at Sakra World Hospital said, "The availability of vaccine is also a problem. Just 2-3 days ago, we had to send back people who had come for the vaccination as we did not have the stock. The government is giving us limited stock which can be used only for two days and we have again get the stock from the cold chains. Sometimes, on government holidays, we cannot even get it. The supply chain is a problem, causing a delay in vaccination. Other reasons we have observed is that people are still hesitant, especially after the news of 12 countries blocking Covishield. Many are also waiting for 6-8 weeks period. We are expecting everything to get in sync in the next two weeks and we will have a better turnout of of vulnerable groups."

A health official from Vijayapura, where only 57 recipients got the second dose, pointed to the low vaccine availability and lack of awareness about the need to take the second dose.

Experts point out that it is important to take the second dose to increase the period of immunity and for the vaccine to be effective.

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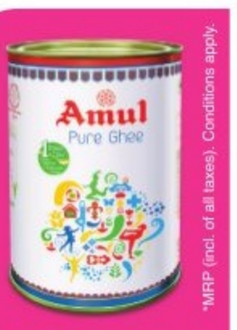

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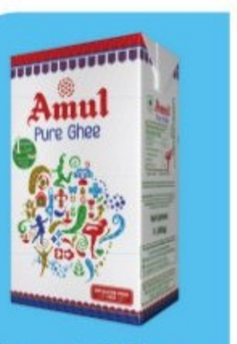

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Several BJP ministers and leaders hit out at Congress leader Siddaramaiah for his remarks on Anna Bhagya scheme. They defended CM BS Yediyurappa's decision to cut down the rice quantity under the scheme -- from 7kg to 5kg-- to beneficiaries

BASAVAKALYAN

BJP convinces Mule to quit bypoll race

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IN a dramatic development, Maratha strongman Maruti Mule, who had filed nomination papers as a National Congress Party candidate in the Basavakalyan Assembly bypoll, withdrew his nomination papers on the last day on Saturday. Sources in the election department said that in all, 12 candidates, including those from BJP, Congress and JDS, have remained in fray.

Another contestant and former MLA Mallikarjun Khuba, will continue to contest, while Eranna Hadpad, who was contesting as an independent, withdrew.

Mule told *TNSE* that BJP MLCs Shashil Namoshi and Sunil Valyapure took him to Deputy CM Laxman Savadi and Basavaraj Bommai at Maniknagar near Bidar district on Friday evening. During the meeting, they assured him that the BJP government would fulfil all the demands of Maratha community, like nominating Maratha leaders to Boards and Corporations, including Maratha community in 2A category and others.

Mule said Arun Singh, in charge of party affairs in Karnataka, too spoke to him over phone on Saturday and requested him to withdraw his candidature. Mule said he later held discussions with Maratha leaders of Basavakalyan and withdrew his nomination on their suggestion.

Khuba, who has represented the constituency twice and was defeated in the last elections, said that Swabhimane Vedike of Basavakalyan has fielded him as an independent as BJP fielded an outsider. It is a matter of self-respect for the people of Basavakalyan, he said.

BYPOLLS: CM, MINISTERS TO HIT CAMPAIGN TRAIL NEXT WEEK

Yediyurappa is also likely to be joined by party state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel

BJP candidate for Belagavi Lok Sabha by-election, Mangala Angadi, campaigns at Khanagaon on Saturday

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AS electioneering gathers steam, the ruling BJP is making all efforts to retain the Belagavi Lok Sabha and two Assembly segments. With just two weeks to go for the by-elections on April 17, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa will hit the campaign trail in Belagavi, Maski and Basavakalayan constituencies from next week, just in time when his Cabinet ministers, who have gone to Assembly poll-bound Kerala and Tamil Nadu to canvass for party candidates, return to join him.

Yediyurappa has already made a couple of visits to these constituencies and will be back there again next week. He is expected to hit the road for two days in each constituency to keep the saffron party's record of winning bypolls at a high. Since Yediyurappa took charge as chief minister in 2019, the ruling party has won 14 out of 17 bypolls. Shoring up its resources, the BJP has asked its leaders, who are out campaigning in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and West Bengal, to canvass for candidates in the bypolls, as winning all three seats is crucial for BJP. The CM, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, some ministers and leaders will campaign at these constituencies.

A senior BJP leader and MLC, N Ravikumar, told The New Sunday Express that ministers, including Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, B C Patil, ST Somashekar, Byrathi Basavaraju, Suresh Kumar, Aravind Limbavali and others, have either campaigned or campaigning in Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal. They too will be in the state in time to root for the party candidates, as Kerala and Tamil Nadu will go to polls on April 6. They are expected to return by Sunday evening.

"We are asking ministers to campaign in four to five gram panchayaths or hoblis. Next week, BC Patil, Somashekar and Byrathi Basavaraju will be at Maski for three days," BJP sources said. Dr Ashwath Narayan, who has been in Kerala for the last 20 days, will return to Bengaluru on Sunday and is expected to join the chief minister next week.

Most leaders are using helicopters for campaigning as they stay in Bengaluru, while the bypolls are happening in North Karnataka regions. Using air services makes it easy for them to reach these constituencies. Since the Election Commission has put a cap of Rs 27 lakh on poll-related expenditure, these leaders land at nearby districts and then go to respective constituencies by road.

DECIDE

Four withdraw papers to support Mangala

Four of the 8 candidates who withdrew their papers announced their support to BJP's Mangala Angadi. Ashok Hanaji of Sarva Janata Party and Independents Hanumant Nagnur, Basavaraj Huddar and Suresh Paraganavar are the four candidates. BJP MLA Anil Benake played a key role in this, sources said.

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BJP sources

10 candidates remain in fray in Belagavi LS poll

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

TEN candidates have remained in the fray for the April 17 bypolls to Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency after the last date for withdrawal of nomination on Saturday. On the last day, eight candidates withdrew from the bypoll, which was necessitated by the death of Minister of State for Railways Suresh Angadi last year. Deputy Commissioner Dr Harish Kumar, who is also the district electoral officer, told reporters on Saturday that a total 18 candidates had filed their nomination papers for the bypoll. "Of the 18, eight candidates withdrew their papers. The list includes Ashok Pandapppa Hanaji of the Sarva Janata Party, Krishnaji Pundalik Patil of the Shiv Sena, and six Independents."

Those remaining in the fray are Mangala Angadi (BJP), wife of Suresh Angadi, Satish Laxmanrao Jarkiholi (Congress), Vivekanand Babu Ghanti (Karnataka Rashtra Samiti), Venkateshwara Swami (Hindustan Janata Party), Suresh Maralingannavar (Karnataka Karmikara Party) and Independent candidates Appasaheb Kurane, Goutam Yamanappa Kamble, Nagappa Kalasannavar, Shubham Vikran Shelke and Srikant Padasalgi.

BJP, Cong candidates richest

Mangala (BJP) and Satish (Congress) are the richest candidates in fray with their assets and that of their families put together crossing the ₹100-crore mark each. While Mangala's assets are worth ₹14.77 crore, ₹15.94 crore worth assets are in her husband late Suresh Angadi's name. They have a total liability of ₹7.55 crore. Besides, immovable properties of Suresh Angadi Education Foundation and Angadi Sugars are valued at ₹106 crore, with loans vaued at ₹91 crore.

Satish Jarkiholi, who represents Yamakanamardi Assembly constituency, owns several agricultural and non-agricultural lands. His income has increased by over 200 % in the last three years. He and his family own assets worth ₹148 crore.

ZP/TP POLLS

BJP: Loyalty first, winnability later in candidate selection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AS party-hopping has become the order of the day in state politics, the ruling BJP has decided to reward only those who are committed to working for the organisation, rather than considering winnability as the only criterion, while giving tickets to contest the upcoming zilla and taluk panchayat elections.

The State Election Commission has completed the process of delimitation of ZP and TP segments and lobbying for tickets in all parties will start once the notification on reservation category for those seats is announced.

This time, the number of ZP seats in the state will increase by around 100 to 1,190 and TP seats will reduce by around 600 to 3,273 as voters per constituency decreased from 40,000 to 35,000 for ZP, and increased from 10,000 to 12,500 for TP seat.

The elections are likely to be held in June.

The BJP is said to have decided that the candidates' section will not be based on the recommendations of party legislators or MPs, but after getting feedback from workers and leaders at the grassroots level.

"The party has decided to give tickets to those who are committed to working for the party. Winnability will not be the only criterion," said senior BJP leader and former MLC Ashwath Narayan Gowda.

Commitment to work for the party, seniority, position or responsibility they are handling and ability to win the elections will be the criteria for the selection of candidates for ZP, TP and urban local body elections, Gowda added.

He is in charge of urban local body elections in Ballari and plans to hold a series of meetings with booth-level workers and members of Shakti Kendras to get their feedback before the party finalises its candidates.

The BJP, Congress and JDS will focus on the zilla and taluk elections after bypolls to Belagavi Lok Sabha and Maski and Basavakalyan Assembly segments.

MLAs Yathindra Siddaramaiah and H P Manjunath, and MLC Dharmasena at a review meeting in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Cong to local leaders: Pick names for panchayat panels

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CONGRESS is all set for a big fight in zilla and taluk panchayat elections, especially in its strongholds. But crucially, it does not have party offices at Chamundeshwari and Varuna constituencies, both represented by opposition leader Siddaramaiah in the past.

At a review meeting on Saturday, Yathindra Siddaramiah, who is also Varuna MLA, asked party block presidents to nominate candidates for panchayat committees in the run-up to ZP and TP elections.

Yathindra pointed out that rival parties are already on the ground through booth level offices and asked block presidents to identify panchayat committees to start the groundwork. Hunsur MLA H P Manjunath also motivated block presidents to be active on the ground and achieve better poll results for the party. The meeting was also attended by MLA Anil Chikkamadu, MLC Dharmasena and district Congress president B J Vijayakumar.

Shivashankarappa S Sahukar

New chairman appointed for KPSC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SHIVASHANKARAPPA S Sahukar, Member, Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), has been appointed as the chairman of KPSC, with immediate effect. He will replace former IAS officer Shadakshari Swamy, who retired on Saturday.

"Governor Vajubhai Vala appointed Shivashankarappa S Sahukar as chairman of KPSC with immediate effect and until further orders under Article 316 (1) of the Constitution of India," a notification issued by the State Government on Saturday read.

Shivashankarappa joined KPSC as a member on September 3, 2019. KPSC conducts various competitive examinations, including Karnataka Administrative Services exams.

Shivashankarappa, who hails from Raichur and a resident of Kalaburagi, is a BSc Agriculture Engineering graduate from the Agriculture College at Raichur. After graduating in 1988, he worked as an agriculture consultant with the college for 12 years.

He was appointed as KPSC member after BS Yediyurappa took over as chief minister in 2019.

YEDIYURAPPA SHOULD SACK KSE FROM CABINET OVER LETTER BOMB: KPCC PREZ

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar on Saturday demanded that the Chief Minister sack RDPR Minister K S Eshwarappa from the Cabinet if he is claiming that B S Yediyurappa is running a "biased" government.

Eshwarappa had written to Governor Vajubhai Vala, complaining about Yediyurappa's interference and authoritarian way of functioning.

Speaking to the media at Mangalore International Airport before heading to Manjeshwar in Kerala for election campaigning, Shivakumar said, "Let them write to the high command or anyone. It is their internal matter. But in this case, a Cabinet minister has written to the Constitutional head, saying that he has no confidence in his own chief minister. Administration has collapsed and officials are unable to perform their duties as they are transferred every three to six months. In my political life spanning three decades, no minister has written to the Governor complaining or questioning a CM."

KPCC president DK Shivakumar campaigns for the Congress candidate at Nellikullu in Kasaragod district ahead of the bypolls in Kerala on Saturday

He said that Eshwarappa has exposed his own government through his letter. "Either the chief minister should sack him, or Eshwarappa himself should tender his resignation. This letter is about the administration of our state. Is this how the BJP, which is talking about good and clean governance, runs a state government," he asked.

The recent guidelines issued by the State Government to contain the spread of Covid defied all logic, he commented.

'NO DISSENT IN BJP'

Kalaburagi: The tussle between Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa is nothing but a difference of opinion between the two and not dissidence within the party, said BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, at Kalaburagi Airport on Saturday. He was on his way to campaign ahead of the bypolls in Basavakalyan. "The problem will be sorted out within two days. BJP is a disciplined party. We have a mechanism to sort out problems in a democratic manner ... The Congress lacks this mechanism," he said.

Resign from BJP to criticise party: Nirani to 'rebel' Yatnal

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ADDING voice to a line of ministers who are against BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and in favour of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani called the former a useless politician.

Speaking to the media here on Saturday, he said, "If there is any useless politician in the state, that is none other than Yatnal. Being a senior politician, he has been tapping whatever benefits he is entitled to from the party. Then, how far is it right to criticise the leaders within the organisation?"

He said, "If he wants to criticise, he should first resign, leave the party and then speak whatever he wants to against the party or the government Yatnal's activities are like betraying the party," he said.

ROT SETS IN

Fear, anger as a wave of hate crimes hit shores of coastal K'taka

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

AFTER a lull, fear and anger has gripped the state's coastal region again after a series of incidents targeting interfaith couples over the last few weeks.

At least four such incidents have been reported in different parts of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts over the last one month. But the vigilantes have been left scot-free by the police in three cases, while an FIR has been filed only in the case that occurred on Thursday night.

Police sources see some connection between these incidents and demand for a law against Love Jihad and polls in Kerala. "These vigilantes have recently reorganised under Bajrag Dal and other groups, and they want to show results," a senior police officer said.

In all the four cases, couples were travelling in long-distance buses bound to Mumbai, Goa and Bengaluru when the vigilantes intercepted them. Bus crew and fellow passengers too are suspected to be helping these criminal gangs. The incidents reported in the media are just a tip of the iceberg, while many such go unreported as victims refuse to file complaints of fear, source said.

Vidya Dinker, a rights activist and coordinator of Citizens Forum for Mangalore Development, feels the sudden rise in these cases cannot be a mere coincidence as they could be politically motivated with a larger game plan in mind. The police indifference in filing cases against the vigilantes in the first few cases too might have encouraged these anti-social elements to commit more such crimes, she added.

"Supreme Court and High Courts judgements clearly state how the police should act in such cases. But a majority of the police genuinely think that sending the couples home safely is the right thing to do. They call parents to the police station and ask them to take their wards," she said. Her organisation is planning to file a PIL in the HC.

Democratic Youth Federation of India state president Muneer Katipalla said that the incidents could be a way to divert people's attention from issues like price rise and unemployment. "These incidents cannot happen without the support of the government and local police. In one or two cases, police make arrests as a mere eyewash. But they do not try to catch the leaders," he alleged.

Asked why a suo motu case was not registered on recent incidents, Police Commissioner N Shashikumar said he will find out the reason. When pressed, he said they will take a decision based on the situation.

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– Muneer Katipalla, Democratic Youth Federation of India state president

Compulsory rural service not for 2016-18 med batches: HC

Says govt should have provided information to medical students of those years

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THE Karnataka High Court has ruled that the provisions of the Karnataka Compulsory Service Training by Candidates Completed Medical Courses Act should not be made applicable to students of the academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18, as the Act and Rules came into force from 2018-19.

"This court finds that the students of the academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18 were not made aware of the implementation of the provisions of the Act and Rules and no bonds have been executed by the petitioners/students of those academic years. Therefore, the provisions of the Act and Rules should not be applicable to post-graduate students/petitioners who were admitted to the course during the academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18", Justice R Devdas said in the order.

Disposing of the petitions filed by Dr M H Sadhwini and several others, the court said that information on compulsory service was not provided in the 'Information Bulletins' issued by the Karnataka Examinations Authority up to 2018-19 and no bonds were taken from the candidates.

The petitioners had moved the court to declare that the provisions of the Act and Rules are not binding on post-graduate degree and diploma holders who were admitted during the academic years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, after the government made the provisions of the Act applicable to them by issuing an order on July 23, 2020, calling upon those who would be graduating from various institutions to report to the Director of Medical Education after the exams, for posting.

On the contention of the students that the information on compulsory service was not provided in the 'Information Bulletins', the State Government argued that the ignorance of law cannot be an excuse.

The court observed that there can be no doubt that ignorance of law is no excuse, but in the present context, students from across the country and, in fact, from overseas seek admission to medical courses/post graduate courses/super speciality courses in various institutions across the country and may not have knowledge of local laws. Hence, the government has to provide such information to the candidates, the court suggested.

Bar Council suspends advocate from practice

The Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) suspended the practice of advocate R Manjunath from the city, for allegedly making baseless allegations against the KSBC on social media. According to the notification issued by the Bar Council on April 2, 2021, Manjunath has allegedly caused damage to the credibility of the Bar Council by making baseless and derogatory statements over Welfare Stamps through social media and same amounts to a serious misconduct. Therefore, the Council in a meeting, presided by Chairman L Srinivasa Babu, unanimously resolved to initiate suo moto action and issue notice to Manjunath, calling upon him to explain within 10 days from the date of receipt of this notice why his name should not be removed from the rolls of the Bar Council. The Council further resolved to suspend him from practice with immediate effect pending enquiry, and to intimate the courts in the state and Bar Association of Bangalore, where he is practising.

After Sandalwood, gyms also want norms relaxed

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THE State Government, on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee for Covid-19, on Friday had ordered 50 per cent seating capacity in cinema halls in seven districts including Bengaluru and Mysuru, among several other restrictions. However, Sandalwood actors, producers and fans came down heavily on the decision and protested against it. They even ran a Twitter campaign with the hashtag "wewant100%seatingcapacity".

Several prominent actors including Puneeth Rajkumar, Yash, Rakshit Shetty, Duniya Vijay and Kiccha Sudeep took to twitter condemning the decision. Film producer K Manju blamed the Health Minister for taking the decision. "The Health Minister's portfolio should be changed. He does not know how to contain the spread of the virus. Such orders will impact livelihoods of the entire Kannada cinema industry," he told media persons.

While fans gathered near theatres and raised slogans against the government, there was a mad rush for tickets for the big budget movie.

However, experts on the Technical Advisory Committee are irked with CM's decision under pressure from the film industry. A senior doctor, who is one of the members, said, "It is unfortunate that such decisions have to be revoked. Restrictions at this time is a must, otherwise the state will be forced to impose a lockdown soon. Our health care system will be burdened and we will be seeing people dying due to Covid-19. There have been several such instances when our advice have been ignored or orders reversed. Such strict norms are necessary to break the transmission of the virus. The decision to prevent gatherings of any kind was taken only after several meetings with all ministers including the CM."

Movie-goers maintain social distancing at a theatre in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAMBN

Meanwhile, gym owners too have demanded that the government reconsider the decision on operating at 50 per cent capacity or announce a package for staff payments and maintenance. There is pressure from some private schools also to allow them to function. There are similar demands from gym, swimming pool and club owners. Also, people want to conduct marriages with large gatherings, Dr Sudhakar said. "These curbs are not permanent, let's follow these temporary measures for some days... I'm not saying it (Covid- 19 spread) can be controlled 100 per cent by these measures, but we can try to bring things under control," he explained.

"The government should be more careful while revoking such decisions as it can not only cause embarrassment to the state, but also lead to laxity in people who are already not following Covid-19 norms," a senior doctor at a private hospital said.

CRIME PATROL

Two held for peddling synthetic drugs

Bengaluru: Officers of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Friday arrested two men on charges of peddling synthetic drugs at the parking lot of a private hospital on KR Road. Accordingly, the police seized ecstacy pills and LSD papers worth Rs 10 lakh. The police suspect that the duo, who were caught red-handed, are part of an interstate drug racket, and investigations are on to ascertain their network. The suspects, who have been identified as Zaden Saud (23) and Nagaraj Rao (22), told police that they purchased the drugs from their contacts, Anooj and Harshavardhan, to sell to their clients. The contacts, meanwhile, managed to escape. The police have also seized two mobile phones and Rs 8,000 in cash. Meanwhile, the duo were booked under the NDPS Act.

Driving school owner killed in road accident

Bengaluru: A 85-year-old man was killed when a speeding bike hit him in Wilson Garden on Saturday. The deceased, Subramani C, was a resident of Mission Road and owned a driving school. A senior police officer said that the incident occurred around 7.30am when Subramani was returning home after a walk. The bike rider, Maaj Ahemed (33), was overspeeding and hit Subramani while he was crossing the road. He died on the spot while Ahemed was injured. He was rushed to a private hospital where his condition is said to be critical. Wilson Garden police have registered a case of negligent driving. Ahemed is a resident of Jayanagar T Block and works in a real estate agency. The bike belongs to Ahemed's relative Naasir Ahemed Kaasi. Police have taken Kaasi's statement for further investigations.

SREE THYAGARAJA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

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POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1)) (for immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Op Bank Ltd.**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **13/01/2021** calling upon the borrowers **1.Sri Kiran Kumar S** S/o Late Sreenivasa Murthy L **2. Smt Savitha L** W/o Kiran Kumar S **3. M/S High Wings Concrete Products Rep By Its Partner Sri Kiran Kumar S** S/o Late Sreenivasa Murthy L All R/at No 313, 2nd F Main,11th Block 2nd Stage Near Vinayaka Park, Nagarabhavi Bangalore-560072 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.6,31,23,879/-** (Rupees Six Crore Thirty One Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred seventy Nine Only) as on **07/01/2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **29th day of March of the year 2021**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Sree Thyagaraja Co-Op Bank Ltd. Branch,** for an amount of **Rs. 6,48,85,745/-** (Rupees Six Crore forty Eight Lakh Eight Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Only) as on **24/03/2021** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

(Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower) Schedule 1 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A002, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing in Ground Floor Measuring 1077 sq ft super built up area and having 546.30 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the Mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North: Staircase and Flat Bearing No A003, South: Flat bearing No A001.

Schedule 2 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A003, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing in Ground Floor Measuring 836 sq ft super built up area and having 424.06 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North: Flat Bearing No A004 South: Staircase and Flat Bearing No A002.

Schedule 3 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A005, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing in Ground Floor Measuring 1165 sq ft super built up area and having 590.95 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North: Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A004

Schedule 4 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A006, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing in Ground Floor Measuring 1110 sq ft super built up area and having 563.05 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North: Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A007.

Schedule 5 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A009, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing in Ground Floor Measuring 1065 sq ft super built up area and having 540.22 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North: 2 meter wide corridors, South: Flat bearing No A010.

Schedule 6 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A103, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing First Floor Measuring 836 sq ft super built up area and having 424.06 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Flat bearing No A104, South: Staircase & Flat bearing No A102.

Schedule 7 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A105, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing First Floor Measuring 1165 sq ft super built up area and having 590.95 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A104.

Schedule 8 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A107, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing First Floor Measuring 2020 sq ft super built up area and having 517.40 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Flat bearing No A104 South: Staircase & Flat bearing No A102.

Schedule 9 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A108, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing First Floor Measuring 1020 sq ft super built up area and having 517.40 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North Flat bearing No A107, South: 2 meter wide corridors.

Schedule10 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A109, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing First Floor Measuring 1065 sq ft super built up area and having 540.22 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North 2 meter wide corridors, South: Flat bearing No A110.

Schedule 11: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A205, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Second Floor Measuring 1165 sq ft super built up area and having 590.95 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A204.

Schedule 12 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A206, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Second Floor Measuring 1110 sq ft super built up area and having 563.05 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A207.

Schedule 13 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A208, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Second Floor Measuring 1120 sq ft super built up area and having 517.40 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North Flat bearing No A207, South: 2 meter wide corridors.

Schedule 14 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A209, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Second Floor Measuring 1065sq ft super built up area and having 540.22 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North: 2 meter wide corridorsSouth: Flat bearing No A210.

Schedule 15: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A210, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Second Floor Measuring 1143 sq ft super built up area and having 579.79 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors North Flat bearing No A209, South: Road and Brook.

Schedule 16 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A301, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1223 sq ft super built up area and having 620.37 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Flat bearing No A302 South: Road and Brook.

Schedule 17 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A302, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1077 sq ft super built up area and having 546.30 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North: Staircase & Flat bearing No A303, South: Flat bearing No A301.

Schedule 18 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A305, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1165 sq ft super built up area and having 590.95 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: 2 meter wide corridors, West: Sy No 149 & 150, North Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Staircase & Flat bearing No A304.

Schedule 19: All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A309, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1065 sq ft super built up area and having 540.22 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North: 2 meter wide corridors, South: Flat bearing No A310.

Schedule 20 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No A306, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1110 sq ft super built up area and having 563.05 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North Remaining Land in Sy No 148/3, South: Flat bearing No A307.

Schedule 21 : All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property Bearing Flat No 310, Katha No 1117/148/3, E Katha No 150300401000102507 `A` Wing Third Floor Measuring 1143 sq ft super built up area and having 579.79 sq ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule B including proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobby, Staircase, contained in the mulistoried building constructed on the Schedule B Property known as NISARGA CAPITAL APARTMENTS Formed in Sy No 148/3 Katha No 1117/148/3 situated at Kannurahalli Village Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District Bounded By: East: Nisarga Capital Block B Apartment, West: 2 meter wide corridors, North: Flat bearing No A309, South : Road and Brook. **Movable Property : Mercedes Benz, suv 7 seater bearing Registration No KA04MX9959.**

Date : 29.03.2021
Place : Bangalore

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IN THE COURT OF THE XXVI ADDL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 3103/2020

BETWEEN:1) Sri. Syed Azeezulla,S/o. Late Syed Ibrahim, Aged about 67 years,Residing at No.68/4, DNC Road, J. P. Nagar Post, A1 Rafiya Jamia Masjid,Bengaluru South Bangalore - 560 078 2) Smt. Asmathunnisa, W/o. Late Syed Ibrahim, Aged about 63 years,Residing at No. 68/4, 2nd Cross, Gangadharanagar, Illiyas Nagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 070 ...Petitioners

AND:The Commissioner the Registrar of Births & Deaths, BBMP, Stone Building,Corporation Circle Bengaluru . ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Commissioner, The Registrarof Births & Deaths, BBMP, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the father of petitioner No.1 and husband of Petitioner No. 2 by name **Late Sri. Syed Ibrahim S/o. Late Syed Ahmed, who was died on 23-04-1968 at National Agencies, DNSC Road, Near Ali Kathib Polytechnic, Illyas Nagar, Bengaluru - 560078** and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at **11.00 a.m. on 19.04.2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing. Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 3rd Day of April 2021.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Shirastedar
XXVI ACMM Court . Bengaluru

Advocate for Petitioner : **Sri. M. Ramappa,** Advocate, No. 81, 7th Cross, J. P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 076

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Sri.Shankarappa. S/o Mallaiah, No.I, Appajappa Garden, PSK Naidu Road, Doddagunta, Coxtown, Bengaluru - 560005 has lost his property Document No. 1723/1992-93 dated 19/08/1992 and another Document No. 4306/2007-08 dated 16/01/2008. The above said documents were lost, if any person found the above said documents, kindly handed over to my client below the said address. In this regard my client has already lodged a complaint through Crime Branch Bengaluru City Police on 31/03/2021 vide Lost Report No. 087154/2021.

A. SUBRAMANYA PRASAD, Advocate
"Sree Shesha Sai" No.3, Sabapathy Lane, K.Kamaraj Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 001.
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My client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. Narayana Gowda,** aged about 74 years, Son of late T.Chikanna, Residing at Karnataka Hybrid Croton Nursery, Lalbagh Siddapura, Bangalore-560011, who has represented that he is having clear and marketable title over the Schedule Property.

Any persons claiming to have any right or claims or objection, may lodge their objections or claim along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no such objection or claims is received within the prescribed time, my client will proceed to complete the transaction. If any objection and claim is lodged beyond the prescribed period it shall not be reckoned and it shall be deemed that all objections and claims by whomsoever are waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Agricultural Property bearing **Sy.No.20/1,** measuring 10 Guntas, **Sy.No.20/2,** Measuring 1 Acre 10, **Sy.No.20/3,** Measuring 8 Guntas, **Sy.No.20/4** Measuring 1 Acre 8 Guntas, **Sy.No.20/5,** Measuring 1 Acre 02 Guntas, in all measuring 3 Acres 38 Guntas, situated at Nettigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and commonly bounded on the

East by : Road
West by : Sy.No.18 / Woodys Villas.
North by : Suvarnamukhi River
South by : Remaining Portion of Sy.No.20/2 belonging to Sanjeeviah and Shiva Madhu

B. Srinivas, Advocate
"SUNDERA RAMA" No.230, 39th 'C' Cross, 9th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 9900148162
srinivasadvocate@gmail.com
Bangalore Date: 03-04-2021

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele) BBMP, Mahedevapura Zone, Old Madras Road, K.R.Pura, Bangalore-560036.

TN.No: EE(Ele)/MZ/TN-01/2021-22 Date :03.04.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Electrical) invites **Item Rate** tenders from eligible tenderers for the Service details in the table given below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the Service given in the table in appropriate class registered in BBMP / CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / any State or Central Govt. Organisation.

SL No.	Name of the work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Maintenance and Electrical installations of Covid care center at Dr.V.M.Ghatge Convention center in ward No. 87, Mahadevapura Zone	13.00	32,500/-

(1) Availability of RFP Documents **Date: 03.04.2021 onwards**
(2) Last Date Submission of tender documents on or before **12.04.2021** at **16.00 hours**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
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Mahadevapura Zone.

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,

ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹರಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಾಪಾಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀ&ನೈವಿ/ಹ.ಹಳ್ಳಿ/ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/ಜೆಇ/2020-21/1077 ದಿನಾಂಕ:31-03-2021.

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ-22/ 2020-21 (3ನೇ ಕರೆ).

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹರಪನಹಳ್ಳಿರವರಿಂದ ಹಗರಿಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಬಹುಗ್ರಾಮ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಯೋಜನೆಯ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ Standard Bid Document KW-IV ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ನಿಬಂದನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು (ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವಂತೆ) ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:03.04.2021 ರಿಂದ 09.04.2021 ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.04.2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹರಪನಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:12.04.2021 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ವೇದಿಕೆ (e-procurement portal) ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹರಪನಹಳ್ಳಿರವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಕುನೀ&ನೈ. ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹರಪನಹಳ್ಳಿ

ಡಿಐಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/01/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2021-22

(Public Works Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Short-Term Tender Postponement (I.F.T.) No.: 33-1/2020-21 Date: 31.03.2021

(For Road Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W. – 4 in two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in two cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **03.04.2021 to 12.04.2021 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **03.04.2021 (at 3.00 pm during office hours). (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **12.04.2021 (up to 4.00 pm). (3)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **15.04.2021 at 11.00 am. (4)** Financial Bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Manjunath L.N.
Executive Engineer, P.W.D.
Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal)

BESCOM, The Chief Engineer, Ele., BMAZ(N), BESCOM, Bangalore, invites tenders for the following Civil Engineering works in BMAZ(N) Jurisdiction through e-procurement portal in two cover system. Enquiry No.CEE/BMAZ(N)/EE(Civil)/Enq-08 and 09/2020-21 dtd 25.03.21. **Name of the Work: 1)** Construction of Second & Third floor to accommodate Shivajinagar Division office at East circle office premises, BESCOM, Bangalore. Estimated Amount put to tender (Appx.): **Rs.190.62 Lakhs.** Time limit for completion of work including monsoon period: **12 Months. 2)** Construction of Whitefield division office & E-4 Sub division office building at Immadihally, section office premises, BESCOM, Whitefield, Bangalore. Estimated Amount put to tender (Appx.): **Rs.280.00 Lakhs.** Time limit for completion of work including monsoon period: **18 Months. Time Schedule:** a) Pre-bid Meeting: **16.04.2021 at 11.30 a.m.** b) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **03.05.2021 upto 15.00 PM.** c) Last Date & Time for Receipts of Tenders: **04.05.2021 upto 16.00 Hrs.** d) Date & time of Opening Technical bid: **06.05.2021 at 16.00 Hrs.** e) Date & time of Opening Price bid: **After Approval of Technical Bid.** The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement by visiting website **https://eproc.karnataka gov.in on or after 05.04.2021.** For any clarification contact e-procurement helpdesk: **080-23010900 / 23010901 or e-mail to hphelpdesk.blr@gmail.com**

Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Ele), BMAZ (N), BESCOM, Bengaluru.

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(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.3 Arasikere
Ph: 08174233111 e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com
Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN/2020-21/ 1457 Dated:30.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 06/2020-21Dtd: 30.03.2021 (TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, VisvesvarayaJalaNigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.3, Arasikere, Hassan District in two cover system (Cover I and Cover II) from **Category-1contractors/firm/company enrolled underVJNL or KNNL** for the work of "Improvement works to the roads in the purview of Yettinahole integrated drinking water project in Sakaleshpura, Alur, Belur and Arasikere Talukas of Hassan Dist".The amount put to tender is Rs5187.00lakhs. Details for submission of bids/EMD/tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details and other information related to above said workcan be obtained through e-portal only www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Intending bidder can access the tender document from **08.04.2021**through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. **Executive Engineer,VJNL, YP Division, No.3,Arasikere. Ph: 08174-233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com**

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VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri V Gajendra** have filled the petition for the death certificate of **Smt Kalavathi W/o Lt Vittal Rao P** the mother of Petitioner who died on 19/08/2015 at No 9/3, 3rd cross, Subedarpalya Yeshwanthapura, Bangalore-22. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the civil Judge court of the 12th ACMM Bangalore date of hearing **on 23/04/2021@11 AM in CIRL Misc No 5497/2020**

By order of the court
Sd/- Sheristedar court of the 12th ACMM Bangalore
Sri M.U. Shashidhar Advocate, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **SRI. KRISHNAPPA** S/o. Late. Nanjappa, aged about 55 years, residing at Narayana Iyyengar Layout, Ward No.4, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District - 56, was having the Original Sale Deed dated 03.09.1998, vide Doc. No. 2088/98-99 of Book-1, registered in the office of the Sub-registrar Anekal, in respect of Site No.23, Municipal Assessment Sl. No. 342/1182/23, Old Khatha No.1183, Situated at Guruji Layout, beside Thammanayakanahalli Bagilu Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru Urban District, site measuring (20x30) and the aforesaid Original Sale deed was lost while shifting the house on 09.03.2021, he has made best efforts in tracing the aforesaid document, but efforts were in vain. Further he lodged a police complaint on 23.03.2021 in this regarding, if anyone found this document, kindly contact at the office address given below.

Vinod S, B. A., LLB, Advocate,
'A. V. S. Law Associates',
No.19, 2nd Floor, Opp. to Agrahara Dasarahalli Bus Stop, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru - 560079. Mobile No.9110429287

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Tenders are invited for the following works through Government e-Market (GeM) portal. GeM Bid No: GEM/2021/B/1145230
Procurement of single deck 100 tph capacity linear motion wet vibrating screen

Contact person: DGM (Commercial)

Amendment/Corrigendum shall be notified through our website only.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public at large and notice is hereby given that my client SHEKHAR.G, S/o. Late Govindaswamy, aged about 52 years, residing at #114, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Chikkadevasandra, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru 560036, Karnataka State who is the sole and absolute owner in respect of the property bearing S.F No.14/6C, Sriram Nagar, Enduvambadi Village, Polur Taluk, Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu State, PIN: 606903 has irretrievably lost the original Absolute Sale Deed Dated: 24/01/2013 duly registered as Document Number R/Kalampur/BookI/111/2013-14 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Enduvambadi Village pertaining to the property described above. A police complaint in this regard has been lodged on 03/04/2021 vide L.R No.088136/2021. Anybody whomsoever transacting in respect of the property described above with any person/s on the basis of the lost original title document other than the registered owner, they shall be doing so at their own cost and risk and the owner shall not be held responsible for the same in any manner. Any person/s In possession of the aforesaid original document shall kindly deliver the same at the address given below within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice or to my client Shekhar.G (Mob: 7829669948)

DARSHAN KUMAR .S, Advocate
#73, 10th Cross, KSFC Layout, Oil Mill Road, Aravind Nagar, Bengaluru 560084.
Mob: 9902765790

NOTICE/APPEAL TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

It is hereby informed to the general public that Smt. Savithramma & Sri. D. G Narahari are the joint absolute owners & in possession of the residential property bearing No. 61/37/1P, Old Khaneshumari No. 37/1, bearing Electronic Khatha issued in Form No. 9 & 11(A) issued by the Dommasandra Village Panchayat, bearing PID No. 150200100900100251, situated at Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and they are intending to approach the Canara Bank, Dommasandra Branch seeking for construction loan and it is further informed that one of the original sale deed bearing Document No. 293/1982-83, Vol No. 1338, SRO, Anekal, dated 17.5.1982, executed by Smt. Nanjamma in favour of Sri. D. V Srihari with respect to the above property has been lost and despite the best efforts of the present title holders, the same has not been traced. Subsequently the said property has been purchased by the present titleh older by the legal heirs of said D. V Srinhari on 30.8.2018 and ever since the same, they have been in peacefull possession and enjoyment of the same.

Under the said circumstances, the general public is hereby requested to hand over the Original sale deed dated 17.5.1982 stated above if the same is found or to raise any objections with regard to the title of said Savithramma & another over the said site with proper documentary proof and to submit that same to her Counsel whose address has been furnished below within a week's time.

S. VENKATESH SHASTRY,
Advocate & Consultant,
No. 229, 12th Main, Near Mary Immaculate School, Lakkasandra Extn, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560030. Mobile: 9980970316
Venkey.advo@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client Mr. Bhuvan .T .R, S/o. Late. Raghu .P .K, aged about 20 years, residing at No.326, Parvathamma building, 1st Cross, Thindlu, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru–560097 is the co-owner in possession of the below mentioned Schedule Property having acquired the same in terms of **Partition deed dated 21/01/2013** entered into with other family members of his father Late. Raghu .P .K, and the same is registered as **document No.BNG(U)BYP/6879/2012-13** in the office of the Sub-registrar, Byatarayanapura. It is now represented by my client Mr. Bhuvan .T .R that the original of the Partition deed dated 21/01/2013 is either lost or misplaced by him and is unable to trace it out. If any one finds the said original Partition deed dated 21/01/2013, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to my aforesaid client or to the undersigned. Also, public are hereby cautioned that if any person/s were to deal with the said original Partition deed dated 21/01/2013 other than my client Mr. Bhuvan .T.R, such person/s will not derive any right and such transaction shall not bind my client and he/she/they will be doing at his/her/their own risk and cost and will further be liable for legal consequences.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residentially **Flats bearing Nos.301 to 318**, BBMP Katha No.1538/42, constructed over land n Sy No.42 measuring 2:20 (A/G), situated at Thindlu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North (Addl.) Taluk, Bengaluru.

SRI V. C. CHANDAN, Advocate
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TENDER CANCELLATION NOTIFICATION

Ref:Cor-01:EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN/2020-21/1267 Dated: 09.03.2021 SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 02/2020-21Dtd: 04.03.2021 Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN/2020-21/1250 Dated:04.03.2021 Tenders in e-procurement portal on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" invited for the work of"Improvement works to the roads in the purview of Yettinahole integrated drinking water project in Sakaleshpura, Alur, Belur and Arasikere constituency of Hassan Dist"is cancelled due to technical reasons. **Executive Engineer,VJNL, YP Division, No.3,Arasikere. Ph: 08174-233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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In my Army service records my wife's name is wrongly mentioned as SANGITA YADAWA. The correct name of my wife is SANGEETA YADAV as sworn by me. No.-4193623 F Hav Vinod Kumar.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SOUMYA.M,** R/at No.1889, South End C main Road, 26th main, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 have changed my Daughter Name from **AISIRI KASHI** to **AISIRI KRISHNA** vide affidavit dated:3/4/2021 Before Notary **B.M.Chandrashekar** Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHAJINI MATHEWS ELLIL,** W/o Cibimon Kunnel, residing at # 10, Sri Maruthi Nilayam, NTR Layout, Marathahalli Post, Bengaluru-560 037 declare that correct name of father of my daughter **ALSSY MATHEWS KUNNEL** is **CIBIMON KUNNEL,** whereas in here 10th Std Marks Card bearing Unique ID No. 7139697 is recorded incorrectly as **CIBIMON,** vide affidavit dated: 01-04-2021, sworn before XXIV Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHARRATH M V,** S/o D. Venkatesh, residinat at # 1471, 17th 'C' Main Road, HBR Layout, Kalyannagar Post, Bengaluru 560 043, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHARATH .M.V** to **SHARRATH M V,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHARRATH M V** only, vide affidavit dated 31st March 2021, sworn before Notary **S.I. Balaguru** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. 15328955P HAV Surya Rao Dekka Vasantha (Post) Vasantha (Vill) Gantyada (MD) Vizianagaram (Dist) Andhra Pradesh (State) PIN:535215, have changed my son name from **NOTEL LIKHITH KUMAR** to **DEKKA LIKHITH KUMAR** vide affidavit Dated 01/04/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAYATHRI.S, Spouse of No. 15319880F HAV P.Muthu Kumar # 2/198, Mandikulam, 2nd Street, Semnipatti (Vill) Kachikatti (Post) T. Vadipatti (TK) Madurai (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:625218, have changed my name from **KAYATHRI.S.** to **GAYATHRI.S.** vide affidavit Dated 01/04/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DSOUZA MAXWELL, S/o Chandrashekar, Aged about 37 years, residing at No.25, 17th Cross, Lakshmi Puram, Ulsoor, CMH Road, Bangalore, shall henceforth be known as **MASILA MANI,** vide Affidavit dated 03-09-2021, before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAFIKUR RAHAMAN, Residing At No. 42, 6th 'A' Cross, Kanakanagar, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my previous name **RAFIKUR RAHAMAN** to NEW NAME **RAFIQ UR RAHAMAN,** Vide Affidavit Dated 03/04/2021, Before The Notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAROJA CHANNABASAPPA KARMADI, W/o. Channabasappa Karamadi, Residing at No.11/2, Raghavendra Krupa, 4th Main Road, K.H.M Block, Ganganagar, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032, have changed my previous name **SAROJA CHANNABASAPPA KARMADI,** to NEW NAME **SAROJINI KARIGULANNAVAR,** Vide Affidavit Dated 03-04-2021 Before The Notary Leela, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DINESH KUMAR .K,** S/o. Sri Khivaram .D, Hindu, aged about 25 years, residing at No.57, 1st Main Road, Near Kamalanagar Market, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to **ROHAN JAIN** vide. Notarized Affidavit dated 04/03/2020, sworn to before Sri H.H. Nagaraj, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **P S L M SHARMA,** S/o. P S Rao, Residing at Flat No. 102, 1st Floor No. 27, Sai Ram Residency, 1st Main Road, Brindavana Layout, Bethelnagar, Virgonagar Post, Bangalore - 560 049, Karnataka, have changed my name from **P S L M SARMA** to **P S L M SHARMA** vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Radhamma, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **TULASIRAM K.,** S/o. Krishnasa K G, Residing at No. 77 B B, Temple Street, Opp. Baneshwara Swamy Temple, Chikkapete, Mamulpet, Bangalore - 560 053, Karnataka, have changed my name from **TULSIRAM K** to **TULASIRAM K.** vide affidavit dated 31.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Radhamma, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SMT. MAHADEVI BAI B. D/o. Madunayak, aged about 33 years, R/o: #384, Vinayaka Nagara, Jigani Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist., States that I was born on **10.06.1988** I'am changing my nick name from **SUDHA S,** I have used and called as **MAHADEVI BAI B** in all records and henceforth my name shall be known as **MAHADEVI BAI B (New name)** for all purposes. Sworn before me Muniswamy. T Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Codanda Kalamma Ganapathy,** W/o Late Codanda Madappa Ganapathy, aged about 63 years, residing at No.89, (New No.14), 2nd Cross, Victoria Layout, Austin Town, Viveknagar, Bangalore-560 047. I state that, my name mentioned in various documents as **'Kalamma Somaiah Kulletira', 'C.A.Kalamma Somaiah', 'Codanda Kalamma Ganapathy', 'C.Kalamma Ganapathy', 'Kalamma Ganapathy. C' and 'Kalamma Ganapathy'.** Hereby declare that, above said names are one and the same & belongs to me only, Vide Affidavit dated 25.03.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public N. Narayana Swamy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUDHA JAYAKUMAR, W/o. Late Jayakumar T.D. Resident of S-2, Surya Residency, 225, 6th Main, 4th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011 have changed my name to
TALYA JAYARAM SUDHADEVI
vide Affidavit dated 15.03.2021, sworn to before Notary T.C. Thimmaraja, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **V.S.Vishnu** S/o Vijaykumar, Aged about 27 years residing at No.967/1, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. Has changed my father's name as **JAYAKUMAR B BHAVUSARA KSHATRIYA,** Vide affidavit dated 29.11.2020 before Shri D.S. Chandrakanth, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAYA BENGALURU KUMAR,** S/o Late Khanpur Shankar Rao, Aged about 56 years, residing at No.967/1, New No.147, Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010. Has changed my name to **JAYAKUMAR BENGALURU BHAVUSARA KSHATRIYA,** Vide affidavit dated 30.03.2021 before Shri V.Rangaraju, Advocate and Notary, Bengaluru.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, our clients viz., **Mr. B. S. Sanaulla** (Managing Director of M/s. First Home Developer Limited) & **Smt. Tahseen Taj** was/is the absolute owner of the Property bearing Site No. 19/A & 20 and Site No. 14 respectively, formed in the Converted land bearing Sy. No. 12, situated at Sannathammanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. Our clients have lost/misplaced the following Original Sale deeds during transit:

1. Sale deed dated 28.03.1995, Document No. 1982/1995-96 with respect to Site No. 19 A and 20;
2. Sale deed dated 28.03.1995, Document No. 1968/1995-96 with respect to Site No. 14;

Our client has already lodged the Police Complaint on 26.03.2021 in the jurisdictional Police Station. Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title & interest over the above said Property or on aforesaid mentioned original documents may intimate the same in writing to the under signed along with documentary evidence in support of their claim within **7 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, it will be presumed that the said sale deeds are lost.

It is hereby informed that, the General public are restrained from transacting the above said Property except our clients/their nominees. If any person holding the said sale deeds may kindly contact the undersigned at the earliest.

Dated this 04th day of April 2021 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
Advocates and Consultants,
No. 428, First Floor, 24th Main, 25th Cross, HSR Layout, 2nd Sector, Bangalore – 560 102, Mobile: 9945688974; 9164150690.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Originally Late Raja P S/o Late Perumal was purchased the Immovable Residential Property from The Malleswaram Tailoring Co-operative Society Ltd, Bangalore, through Registered Sale Deed Dated 26-05-1982, during his life time he has executed a Registered Will Dated 03-06.2009, bequeath the Northern Portion of the Schedule property to his son Mr. SURESH R. in turn Mr SURESH R. has sold the schedule property in favour of **Smt. JAMILA BEGUM** W/o Mr. Fayaz Baig, through Registered Sale Deed Dated 18.12.2018, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar Bangalore.

My client **Mr. NASEER AHMED PASHA** S/o Late Mohammed Ghouse has entered into an Agreement of Sale in respect of the Schedule Property with the Present Vendor dated 02.04.2021, if any person/s having asserting any right, title, interest, or claims, intending to oppose the purchase in any manner whatsoever, may file their objections with documentary proof within 15 days hereof, where after, no such claims or objections will be entertained, and my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property as bonafide purchaser.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property bearing Site No.54/43, of Kavalbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Building Premises Bearing Municipal Corporation No.54/43, situated at 3rd E Main, Nagamma Layout Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore-560032, in Ward No. (95) 32- Kavalbyrasandra PID. No. 95/121/54/43, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 26.7 Feet Totally Measuring 801.0 Sq Feet. and Bounded on the **East by :** Site No.53 and 44, **West by :** Site No.55 and 42, **North by :** Road, and **South by:** Schedule A and Schedule B Property belongs to Sri. Nagesh R. and Smt. Pushpamma R & Sri. Shanthkumar R as per the will.

HAFEEZULLA KHAN M, ARIFULLA KHAN,
Advocate
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ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Platform)

Bids in two covers are invited through "e" Procurement Portal (Website URL: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) for the work of **"Providing One(01) No. of New model 32+1 Seater(GPS Fitted) TATA/Equivalent, Non-A/c Minibus on 12 Hrs. duty along with driver for conveyance of Employees to Power House at Gerusoppa project on monthly hire basis for a period of two years"** from reputed/qualified bidders. Brief Bid Notification details and Tender Documents can also be seen on Website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Last date and time for Pre-Bid queries : **07.04.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs.** Pre bid meeting: **09.04.2021 at 11:00 Hrs.** Last Date & Time for online submission of Tenders :**16.04.2021 up to 16:00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from **Executive Engineer (O&M)GP, KPCL,** Gerusoppa – 581 384, Honavar Tq., U.K. Dist, E-mail ID: **eee1gp.kpcl@gmail.com/eeemogpkpcl@karnataka.gov.in** Telephone : 08387 - 268307, Mobile No. 94495 98827, Fax No: 08387 -268350. KPCL Web Site: **www.karnatakapower.com** OR Contact HP Helpdesk: 080-22485867/ 080-22485927.

Office of the Executive, Engineer, P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

IFT NO: 69/ 2020-21 Date : 31-03-2021

The Executive Engineer, Public Works, Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registred in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply for Bhadravathi Taluk approved work under H/A 3054-04-337-1-10-200 MDR Flood Amount put to Tender is Rs. 88.11 lakhs and EMD is Rs. 1.76 lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 05 months including Monsoon.

The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).** The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Section -2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e- Procurement portal from **31-03-2021 to 07-04-2021** Last date for Receipt of Tender is on **07-04-2021.** The Technical bid will be opned on **08-04-2021.** and Financial bid will be opened after **09-04-2021** More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

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Sd/-Executive Engineer,
PWD,Special Division, Shimoga.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Public Works Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION: YADGIR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1/KKRDB/e-Tender/2021-22/ 01 Dated: 01.04.2021

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Details of works : On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTTP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invites item Rate Tender by One Cover and Two Cover System Through e-Procurement Portal from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works pertaining to Yadgir Taluka-03 Nos. Shahapur Taluka-07 Nos. & Shorapur Taluka-11 Nos. Under KKRDB Programme for the year 2020-21. Work Indent No's as Follows, Yadgir-(1)136696 and (2)136724. Shahapur-(1)137042, (2)137043, (3)136746, (4)136753, (5)136252 and (6)136253. Shorapur-(1)136985, (2)136947, (3)136981, (4)136944, (5)136982, (6)136983, (7)136980, (8)136986, (9)136678, (10)136677 and (11)136679. Reserved For SC: 1)136742. Reserved For ST: 1)136722, 2) Estimate Cost : Minimum Rs 15.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.150.00 Lakhs, 3) Contractor Eligible Details : Class-3, 2 & 1 Above, 4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details : Tender Fee as per e-proc and EMD Rs.0.00 (As per G.O.), 5) Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting : **07.04.2021 (11.30 hrs) (Only KW-4 Works),** 6) Date & Time for receipt of queries : **09.04.2021 (17.30 hrs),** 7) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in e-procurement portal : **16.04.2021 (16.00 hrs),** 8) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid : **17.04.2021 (16.30 hrs)(Only KW-1 & 2 Works),** 9) Date & Time of Opening of the Technical Bid: **17.04.2021 (16.30 hrs)(Only KW-3 & 4 Works),** 10) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid: **20.04.2021 (11.30 hrs)(Only KW-3 & 4 Works),** 11) For More Details Contact : **Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir,** 12) Website Address : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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SALE AUCTION NOTICE FOR PRIVATE TREATY

15 Days Notice of Sale of Immovable Secured Assets is hereby given by the Fullerton India Home Finance Company Limited (Secured Creditor) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 Read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor has taken over possession of the Secured Asset(s) under SARFAESI Act 2002. Public at large in general and the Borrowers / Co-borrowers and guarantors in particular, are hereby informed that the secured Asset(s) as mentioned in the Schedule are put for through Private Treaty, as per the terms agree able to Secured Creditor on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis,** for recovery of the dues mentioned herein below.

DATE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY: ON OR AFTER 23rd April 2021

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s) / Loan Account No.	Description of the Secured Assets (Immovable Properties)	Reserve Price	Outstanding Dues for Recovery of which Property/ies is/are Being Sold
Loan Account No.: 601007510175157 **1) Mrs. Vedavathi, W/o. Sharnabasappa T B,** Age 43 years **2) Mr. Sharanabasappa, S/o. Julajappa Beradar,** Age 47 years **3) Shivakrupa Provision Store** **4) Life Style Beauty Parlor** **Add. 1:** No. 32, Vivekanada Nagar, Hosakote, Near Hospital, Bangalore - 562114, **Add. 2:** No. 01 Ramakrishna Road, Ramakrishna Layout, Hosakote Town.	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 32, Muncipal Khatha No. 394-1/394-2, situated at Vivekanandha Nagara, Kasaba Hosakote Town, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 30 feet, North to South: 46 feet, in all 1380 Sq.Ft, and **bounded on the: East by-** Site No. 31; **West by-** Site No. 33; **North by-** 25 feet Road & **South by-** Site No. 22	**Rs. 52,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Only)	**Rs. 42,17,974.45/-** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four and Forty Five Paisa Only)

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7) The FIHFC reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason at any time before sale of property.
8) In case of more than one offer, the FIHFC will accept the highest offer.
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The intending bidder can also contact: (1) Mr. Ashok Manda (Email: ashokkumar.manda@grihashakti.com) Mob. No. 9892294841, **(2) Mr. Ravi Kiran** (Email: Ravi.K2@grihashakti.com) Mob. No. 7304986637.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.04.2021

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CHIEF Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Saturday expressed confidence that the AIADMK would return to power with the alliance winning more than 200 seats in the State. He also stoutly denied any anti-incumbency wave against his government, saying it delivered on its promises by implementing historic schemes and developmental projects.

In an interview with Express, Palaniswami answered questions on various issues, including allocation of seats for aspirants, the 10.5 per cent reservation for the Vanniyar community, criticism regarding the alliance with the BJP, and his relationship with Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam, among other things.

The DMK must be rejected primarily for its dynastic and undemocratic politics and arrogance of its leaders

Edappadi K Palaniswami, Chief Minister

Asked about the possibility of Tamil Nadu becoming the State with the highest debt burden due to poll promises, such as ₹1,500 per month for women family heads, six gas cylinders per year, and washing machines for family card holders, Palaniswami recalled how the moon meal scheme of former Chief Minister MG Ramachandran faced criticism from several quarters, including the DMK, when it was introduced.

"Now, the whole world considers it as a model scheme. In the last 10 years, we have been balancing between welfare and development. Welfare measures are a direct intervention to improve the economic well-being of people. In a democracy, political will to implement such welfare-oriented programmes is needed," Palaniswami reasoned, adding that funds for such schemes would be sourced without compromising development and fiscal discipline.

On the notion that there is an anti-incumbency wave, the Chief Minister said, "That is a politically-motivated propaganda by the Opposition. I see very positive responses to our campaign from the people. I have been Chief Minister for just four years, but implemented a number of historic schemes and projects. How can there be a mood of anti-incumbency when our government has delivered the goods?"

Palaniswami said that as a first-time Chief Minister, he received much warmth from the public. "For the development of the State to continue - which the people want - I must continue as Chief Minister. I am sure the people trust me," he added. As for why people should vote for the AIADMK and reject the DMK-led alliance, he said this is necessary for the development of Tamil Nadu.

Left finds 'captain' miles apart from 'comrade'

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan's image of being CPM's 'captain' takes a beating as other leaders voice their displeasure

AMIYA MEETHAL @Kozhikode

THE CPM has had only one leader who was attributed a military designation – Jaipal Singh, a former central committee member from Delhi. He was popular as Major. But Singh was an officer with the Army, thus the name. All other Communist leaders have been called 'comrade', reflecting the camaraderie and equal status that the cadre share with their leader.

For Communist party cadre, it has always been comrade Krishna Pillai, comrade EMS and comrade AKG. 'Captain' is a new word that is not only unfamiliar to the Communist terminology but also puts focus on a particular leader. When Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who has always been criticised for an authoritarian style of functioning, is now being called 'captain' rather than a 'comrade', the interesting question that pops up is whether it has anything to do with the omnipotent status that he enjoys within the party.

Kalamassery Assembly candidate from the LDF, P Rajeev, participates in a rally in Kalamassery, Kochi, on Saturday | P SANESH

On March 23, the book 'Captain' -- written by A V Anilkumar, a senior journalist with CPM mouthpiece 'Deshabhimani' – was released in Nileshwaram. It shines light on the personality and politics of Pinarayi Vijayan. Already, CPM politburo members Prakash Karat and Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, and state committee member P Jayarajan have made it clear that 'captain' was not a term coined by the party but given by exuberant cadre.

However, acting state secretary A Vijayaraghavan had said that it was a recognition of Pinarayi's popularity. Meanwhile, CPI state secretary Kanam Rajendran had rejected the new terminology, saying that they call him as "comrade Pinarayi".

Among CPM leaders, the most notable comment came from P Jayarajan. "Communists are not narcissists. As Kodiyeri said, all are comrades in the CPM. The party is the captain," he said.

Observers have sought to read Jayarajan's remark against the trend of the party being reduced to Pinarayi.

'Centralization of power'

Left political observer Dr Azad pointed put that 'captain' is not a term like 'mass leader' or any other coinage reflecting the class aspect that the Communist party upholds.

"The word captain signifies power being centralised with a particular individual. Thus, he will order and others should obey," he said.

Dr Azad felt that these days, public relations groups draft such terms and slogans completely overlooking the kind of politics a particular party is standing for.

"Urappanu LDF and Ellam Shariyakum also came from a capitalist type of branding," he said.

Former naxalite leader M M Somasekharan said it reflects the unipolar power position Pinarayi enjoys in the CPM.

"Pinarayi hasn't discouraged calling him captain. When a person is indulged in narcissism, he cannot realise what is going on around him. Captain is not a word that has cropped up innocuously, but should be read with the present state of affairs within the CPM," he said.

Political analyst K C Umesh Babu pointed out that the term is grossly apolitical.

"It is the first time that such a term is being bestowed on a Left leader. This is a run-up to branding Pinarayi as a modern prince," he said.

Babu recollected that no such title was given to V S Achuthanandan by party cadre or the general public even when he was immensely popular.

TTD reinstates retired priests

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THE Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has issued orders reinstating all the Pradhana Archakas / Archakas (Chief Priests/Priests) belonging to the Mirasi families, who were forcibly retired in May 2018 under the previous TDP regime by the then TTD Trust Board which fixed a retirement age for them. As per the orders issued Friday, all the priests, who are similarly situated and retired under the controversial decision in May 2018, will be restored to their earlier respective positions. The orders were issued as per the High Court judgement delivered in December, 2018.

With this, Dr AV Ramana Deekshitulu will return as the chief priest of the famous hill shrine. Members of the Gollapalli, Peddinti, Tirupathamma and Paidipalli families have been serving at the Tirumala temple for generations on hereditary basis. What the controversial decision of the board under the TDP regime did was to do away with the hereditary system in a way by fixing retirement age for them. The same was challenged in the high court the same year by two priests, Seshadri and Murali, who were forcibly retired. In its verdict, the high court had held the TTD decision fixing retirement age for hereditary priests unconstitutional and ruled that hereditary priests belong to a special category intended as custodians of a temple's customs and traditions, and cannot be treated as normal employees.

However, the court order was not implemented at the Tirumala temple. Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, who was at the time in the opposition, had promised to restore the hereditary priests if he was voted to power. In line with his promise, the State government had last year issued orders restoring hereditary archakas at all the temples but the same could not be implemented in Tirumala as it is governed by TTD rules. Dr AV Ramana Deekshitulu, however, was appointed as Agama advisor and honorary chief priest.

SEETHING ANGER

Police detain BJYM activists, who tried to lay seige to the Hyderabad Collectorate on Saturday. They were protesting aganist the suicide of an unemployed youth | R V K RAO

THE HEAT IS ON IN K'TAKA AND THERE IS NO RESPITE

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IF we haven't had enough of the Covid-19 situation across the state, there is the heat now, and unrelenting at that.

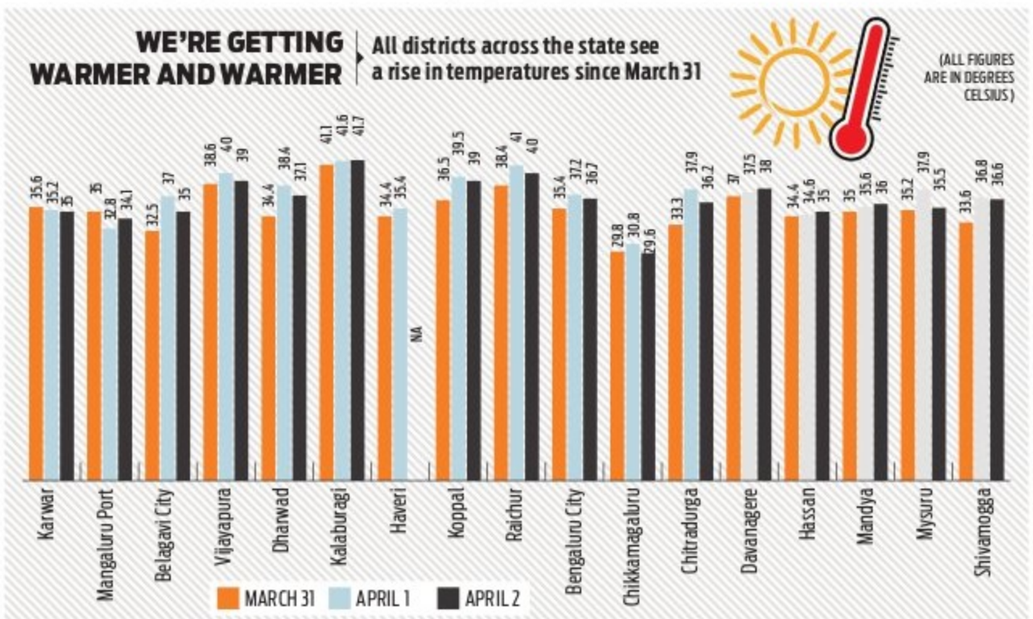
The mercury level is rising gradually and there are no dark clouds in sight to bring it down. While some districts, like Chikkamagaluru, Shivamogga, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, Belagavi and Mysuru, experienced mango showers this March, Bengaluru and surrounding areas missed it. Temperatures are rising above normal and India Meteorological Department officials have forecast dry and sunny weather across the state for more days with no respite.

Officials admitted that the temperatures are 3-4 degrees Celsius above normal in most parts of the state, especially in north Karnataka regions. Bengaluru hit 37.2 degrees Celsius on March 31, which was 3 degrees Celsius above normal. Weathermen pointed out that each time Bengaluru's temperature touched 37 degrees Celsius, the city would experience a rainfall. But this year, it did not. Also in March, quite unusually, Kodagu and parts of Chikkamagaluru experienced hailstorms, damaging crops.

IMD-Bengaluru, Director-in-charge, C S Patil, told The New Sunday Express that many places in Kalaburagi and Vijayapura districts have temperatures above 40 degree Celsius and a heatwave warning has been issued. A heatwave is declared when the maximum temperature is 4-5 degrees Celsius above normal in at least 2-3 stations.

Patil said that though a heatwave is normal in North and Central Karnataka regions, people get some respite with thundershowers, but this time the humidity and moisture level in the atmosphere is less, making the summer worse.

Another senior weather department official recollected, "In the 1980s when Bengaluru temperature would cross 26 degrees Celsius, it used to rain. Over the years, the maximum temperature has gradually increased and now it has reached 37. Bengaluru can no longer be called an 'AC City' as Bengalureans are no longer comfortable without an air-conditioner in their offices and homes. Palace Road, where the IMD head office is located, had a tree canopy and people used to criticise us that the temperatures readings are wrong because of the tree cover. But now Palace Road is just like any other stretch, stripped off its green cover and concretised."


WE'RE GETTING WARMER AND WARMER
All districts across the state see a rise in temperatures since March 31
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MARCH 31
APRIL 1
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BIG PICTURE

In Mysuru, the weather has continued to remain torrid throughout March/April over the last couple of years recording up to 38 degrees Celsius. On March 31, the Met Bureau recorded 37.9-degrees Celsius, which equalled the all-time high for March in 2019.

"Earlier, the temperature in Mysuru did not even cross 30 degrees Celsius during summers, but now we see even 38 degrees Celsius in March – which is nearly 4 degrees higher than normal for the period. This could be because of exponential growth of Mysuru over the last few years, killing of many trees and concretisation of the city," said environmentalist Bhanu Mohan. She said that at the peak of summer, it would not cross 37 degrees Celsius. "But we have crossed it in March. What will be the situation in April and May," she wondered

It is no different in other districts. The comfort that people used to get from visiting coastal regions all through the year is now limited from October and February, for in other months, it is like a hot pan. Those from coastal regions preferred visiting Bengaluru to take a break from the summer heat, but now they feel that the temperatures are the same in both regions. Though the coastal region is not highly industrialised like Gujarat or Kolkata, people in recent years have begun to feel the unbearable heat.

Just like in North India, some parts of Karnataka, like Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Vijayapura, Bagalkot and Belagavi, too had government offices working between 8.30 am and 2 pm. But now these restrictions have been made flexible, not just because of summer, but also due to Covid. Naresh K Rao, an environmentalist from Udupi, said, "It is not just industrialisation which has to be blamed for the extreme warm weather, but the mindless act of the authorities in creating concrete roads too. We have to streamline our thoughts on conserving the environment."

Sunil Gavaskar, scientist, Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, said that one cannot say that the rise in temperatures is because of global warming. "It is a generic term used by everybody for everything. But it is a micro-level issue. We need to link it to the present scenario with the surrounding areas. We are only focusing on the present trend of temperature level. Compared to last year, this year the temperatures are a little higher, as there was rain between March and April last year. On the whole, north and south Karnataka have recorded high temperatures."

Climate change scientist and former consultant at the World Bank, Prof MB Rajegowda, said, "While a gradual rise in temperatures globally is expected, it is distributed unequally. This is due to different amounts of greenhouse gases (GHGs) – also known as carbon components – being released into the atmosphere. This is more in urban areas than rural parts because of increased transportation, concretisation, shrinking tree cover, drying up of water bodies, increasing glass buildings and others." He explained that the longwave radiation from the earth's surface into the atmosphere is trapped due to GHGs and also into the earth's surface because of increasing concretisation. Because of this, even if the temperature is 37 or 40 degrees Celsius, it feels warmer as there is no water vapour in the atmosphere.

He said this year has been unusually hot, because there is no precipitation and winter was also shorter. "Bengaluru or any part of Karnataka did not experience the winter chill lie they do normally. The winter was also shorter and summer set in early. Rise in temperature is a continuous phenomenon and it has not happened overnight. This is why India has signed the Paris climate change agreement, but the problem is that what is promised on paper and what is happening on the ground are not the same," he added.

He said that the guidelines mentioned in the agreement are not being followed. There are restrictions on glass buildings, concretisation, use of fossil fuels and gases used in air conditioners. It is evident that the government is oblivious to these issues which was why summer heat is going up.

Inputs from: K Shivakumar/Mysury; Ramakrishna Badseshi/Kalaburagi; Prakash Samaga/Udupi; Divya Cutinho/Dakshina Kannada

Four children among dead

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IRKED by this, Boja went to his brother-in-law Manju's line house around 2 am on Saturday in an inebriated state, removed the roof tiles and poured petrol into the house. He then set the house ablaze after locking all the doors.

While Manju and Boja's families were inside the house, Manju, and Thola, another resident of the quarters, had not yet returned. Alerted by the blazing fire, the duo rushed to the spot and rescued five people from the house. Babi (40), Bhoja's aunt Seethe (45) and a relative's daughter, Prarthana (6), were charred to death inside the house. Manju's sons Prakash (6) and Vishwas (7) and Thola's son Vishwas (6) succumbed to injuries at the hospital while two other relatives of the accused are being treated.

Gonikoppal police have registered a murder case and are on lookout for accused Bhoja. Southern Range IGP Praveen Madhukar Pawar and Kodagu SP Kshama Mishra visited the spot. The bodies of the victims were not allowed to be cremated either in Ponnampet or Gonikoppal Hindu graveyards as the families had converted to another community. They were then taken to Hunsur for cremation.

EXPRESS READ

Modi does not care about fishermen: Stalin

Chennai/Nagapattinam: DMK president MK Stalin said the incumbent AIADMK government had failed to address grievance of people. He was campaigning across the capital city on Saturday. "I served two terms as the Mayor of Chennai Corporation and lived at Velachery during that time. I did a lot of things to protect the area from floods. But, in past 10 years, no developmental works have been done here. The AIADMK government has failed to address the people," said Stalin. **ENS**

TRS leaders linked to Bengaluru drug bust?

Hyderabad: The Telangana police has started investigating the drug peddling racket busted by Bengaluru police in the month of February this year, in which the names of some leaders of the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS), including public representatives, have allegedly cropped up. The Bengaluru police is expected to serve notices to these TRS leaders. The Bengaluru police nabbed four accused in connection with the racket. **ENS**

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"It's better to burn out than to fade away" — Kurt Cobain

NURTURE LEADERS TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY

GLOBAL research demonstrates that 81% employees are leaving companies because of poor quality of leaders. 43% employees are actively disengaged. There is enough proof to suggest that attending to the quality of leadership and improving engagement levels leads to growth of companies and improvement of profits.

Corporate Leadership Council, UK research demonstrates that building future leaders is the most important job of HRD. It offers sustainability to an organisation.

We find based on secondary research that those companies, which have built capable and ethical leaders, have grown exponentially and become sustainable over a long period of time. On the other hand, those companies, which have not built leaders systematically, have inevitably suffered in the long run.

Take for example, the case of the Indian multinational conglomerate Tata Group. The Tatas for more than 50 years have had the Tata Administrative Service (TAS) which recruited the best talent from the top colleges and groomed them to be future leaders. Most of the Chairman and MD's of the Tata companies are from the Tata Administrative Service. The group with 695,000 people employed in more than 100 countries across six continents, runs multiple leadership programmes. TCS even in a Covid year has recruited 40,000 engineers at the entry level. TCS, perhaps, is the most valued company not only in the Tata Group but in the industry as a whole. Similarly, Infosys has done the same.

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Another company that comes to mind is Hindustan Unilever which every year recruits the best talent from the campuses and grooms them to top positions. In fact, HUL has so much talent, that many find it difficult to rise in the pyramidal structure and leave to become MD & CEO of other companies. The HUL Management takes great pride in its ability to build the finest CEOs for the country.

The same is the case with Asian Paints, Britannia, Nestle, Procter & Gamble, etc which routinely go to the campus, acquire the best talent and groom them to be the top leaders of the company. Global companies such as Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey, Ernst & Young, Shell are no different in this regard.

While the Government of India is often criticised by some people for not having a good quality of management, it is far from the truth and reality. Every year, the armed forces through the National Defence Academy and the Indian Military Academy recruit cadets who grow up to be generals, air marshals or chief of the naval staff. No general or air marshall is recruited from outside.

Similarly, the Union Public Service Commission recruits IAS, IPS, IFS and other allied service officers at the entry level and they grow up to be secretaries of the various ministries.

The civil services offer a very strong administrative structure to the country. The nation and PM's Atmanirbhar strategy is possible only because India has the finest, seasoned and talented armed forces and bureaucracy who can rise to any occasion and lend fantastic management support to any crisis, as seen in the rollout of Covid vaccines.

The Banking Service Recruitment Board, Reserve Bank of India Officers recruitment is another example. It offers all the chairman and MD of the public sector banks. Many of the recruits of State Bank of India have become chief executive officers of many private sector banks.

I have illustrated above examples so that all start–ups and new companies especially understand that creating a cadre of officers is extremely important for growth and sustainability. Based on research conducted by SRIIOM Human Resource Solutions LLP, we have found that there is a positive correlation of entry level cadre building to sustainable growth and a negative correlation when companies have not built future leaders.

Almost all companies which have crashed such as Jet Airways, Kingfisher Airline, Mafatlal Group, Kilachand Group are those who did not create future leaders. The top management did not consist of professionals but members of the family who were mostly not qualified and, sometimes, incompetent.

Ask any financial analyst and he will tell you to never buy a share of a company which does not have an ethical and good leadership structure. Therefore, building future leaders who are embedded in the culture of a company and committed to its growth always serves the company and offers it sustainability.

As per a global research, if 81% people are leaving companies because of bad bosses, it makes eminent sense to create effective and great leaders who can manage people effectively and help them to grow in maturity, wisdom, knowledge, skills and behaviour.

An expenditure in recruiting talent at the entry level and building them as capable leaders cannot be seen with a myopic view as an expenditure. Creating capable leaders is an investment into the future. Companies which has built a strong cadre of executives and trained them to become capable leaders have become profitable and sustainable.

DEMOCRACY EVEN IN TIMES OF COVID

POINT OF VIEW
T J S GEORGE

WE are so proud of our freedom that we don't want even Covid to interfere with it. We mix and mingle with abandon, thanks to our freedom. Figures show a spiralling of cases as the second wave of the pandemic is sweeping across the land. The situation is so serious that the Union Health Ministry has asked states to create "containment zones". Delhi accuses the states of inadequate testing and failure to isolate patients.

In fact, the states did not even complete the vaccination of the 45-plus age group. The failure of authorities to reach set targets was especially notable in 46 districts. Among them was one of the country's most vulnerable areas, Bangalore Urban. This beehive district has more than 16,000 active cases and a daily case load well above other districts. As if to underline the perils of the situation, an official said: "The virus is still very active. It penetrates our defences and strikes back just when we think we can control it. The situation is turning from bad to worse. Nobody should be complacent."

But almost everybody is complacent. That even the vaccination requirement has been ignored by many is a measure of this complacency. We will defy government-imposed restrictions to ensure that our calendar of events is in no way interrupted. Karnataka's chief minister, for example, banned meetings and rallies for a fortnight. Even common area facilities such as swimming pools and party halls were closed for the same period.

But we could not forget Holi. After all, festivals are the heart of India and Holi is the most colourful of our festivals, reminding us of Radha and Krishna at their enchanting best.

So Karnataka's thoughtfully configured Covid restrictions had to yield to the no-restriction philosophy of Holi. Photographs of crowds celebrating Holi in Hubli filled our newspaper pages and television channels. In Allahabad, the celebration was so enthusiastic that entire maidans were filled with multitudes with no space for a needle to fall. It is clear that Covid cannot interfere with the beloved traditions of our country.

What this shows is that Covid is not just a health issue. It is a cultural issue and it is an economic issue. If Covid is given the freedom to play havoc with our calendar, markets will be affected, production centres will be disrupted, distribution systems will be thrown into confusion, transport and communication links will be in turmoil. Life will be thrown off gear. Won't schools and colleges close? If they do, what would be the price the young generation would have to pay? If they don't close, what would be the price the whole country would have to pay?

More important than celebrating festivals is celebrating our beloved leaders. We saw the multitudes that turned out to welcome Priyanka Gandhi on the road show in Kerala. Even more impressive was the road show Narendra Modi had in Palakkad. Our leaders encourage road shows when Covid restrictions demand the very opposite of road shows. The lesson is that in democracy, public displays such as road shows are essential to keep leaders' egos well-oiled. (We don't see a Biden road show in America or a Boris Johnson phantasmagoria in London. This is because the democracy that prevails in those countries is not as solid as Indian democracy.)

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Democracy is defined as a system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives. It is the same democracy that made men like Raja Bhaiyya of Uttar Pradesh a minister. Known as Kunda Ka Goonda, this elected leader saw his opponents going missing. The swimming pool in his estate was later found to have a crocodile in it and when the pool was eventually dug up, human skeletons were found in some corners. Raja Bhaiyya got elected with increasing majorities, thanks to Uttar Pradesh's democracy. It was left to BSP supremo Mayawati to put him in prison for her own reasons.

The reality of our lives stares us in the face. We are opportunistic. We change our positions, not according to our conscience, but as per the convenience of the moment. We are primarily selfish. One may well ask: Isn't it human nature to be selfish? In a way, yes. It is also human nature to think of your neighbour's interests. In the name of human nature, we can be good or bad citizens. Of course, we always have the choice between good and bad. That is the beauty of democracy. It is, also, its curse.

VOTE ABSTENTION: INDIA'S TIES WITH SRI LANKA

OPINION
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INDIA'S abstention from voting on the OHCHR resolution has received a mixed reaction. While the drummer boys of the Tigers have condemned it as a betrayal of the Tamil minority, discerning observers have appreciated the rationale behind the decision. Explaining India's policy, Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, India's Permanent Representative, explained New Delhi's "consistent position" rested on two pillars: support to Sri Lanka's unity and territorial integrity and abiding commitment to the aspirations of the Tamils for equality, justice, peace and dignity.

It may be recalled that in 2009, after the end of the war, India took the initiative to get a resolution passed congratulating Sri Lanka for defeating one of the most ruthless terrorist organisations. At that time, New Delhi believed in the repeated assurances given by the Sri Lankan government that it would soon fulfill its commitment to introduce participatory democracy in the Tamil provinces. "13th Amendment plus" was the mantra chanted by Mahinda Rajapaksa to bring about ethnic reconciliation.

It should be highlighted that in the post-July 1983 period, when New Delhi got actively involved in Sri Lanka, it was determined not to permit a military solution. At the same time, the solution sought by New Delhi was always within a united Sri Lanka. The Tamils had to be assisted in defending themselves against military reprisals. This led to the mutually contradictory "mediatory-militant supportive policy". In early 1987, when Colombo launched the Operation Vadamarachchi and the Tigers were running away from the battle scene, New Delhi responded by "air dropping" food materials. Jayewardene was compelled to come to the negotiating table; the result was the India-Sri Lanka Accord of July 1987, which, for the first time, provided for substance of federalism in a unitary set up.

An analysis of subsequent events testifies that because of the non-cooperation of the Sri Lankan government and the defiance of Prabhakaran, the Accord itself became a source of discord. What is more, TULF leaders did not play ball with New Delhi. India expected them to contest the election and come to power in the merged North-East Provincial Council. But the party did not contest because it did not want to antagonise the Tigers. I need not go into details, events took their own course; the mediator became the villain and the IPKF had to withdraw without accomplishing its objectives.

The tragic assassination of Rajiv Gandhi by the suicide squad of the LTTE sent shock waves across India. New Delhi revised its stance, began to extend support to Sri Lanka in getting the Tigers internationally ostracised. What is more, during the 4th Eelam War, New Delhi provided Sri Lanka with crucial intelligence inputs and the Tigers became fish out of water. When the savage war became a war against the Tamil civilians, and gross human rights violations took place, New Delhi, by its inaction, became an accomplice to the crimes despite feeble protests.

In retrospect, it could be pointed out that three major obstacles prevented a negotiated settlement — competitive politics among the two major Sinhala parties, conviction that unity and unitary set up go together, and introduce new Constitution to consolidate and entrench itself in power.

Let me give an illustration. The Second Republican Constitution of 1978, which is still in operation, was not enacted by a Constituent Assembly. It was drafted by a Select Committee and adopted by a two-thirds majority. Between 1978 and 1988, the Constitution was amended 16 times. The Constitution was not adopted through a consensual process. The major opposition party, the SLFP, boycotted the legislative proceedings. The minority communities also did not participate in the Constitution making process. The 1978 Constitution provided for proportional representation. The overwhelming majority that the UNP had in Parliament was based on first-past-the-post system. President Jayewardene, unsure of two thirds majority under proportional system, adopted a clever device — he extended the life of parliament by five years through a referendum.

The international community, especially India, became frustrated because the Rajapaksa brothers followed delaying tactics. Then they began to subvert democratic process. The merger of the north and the east, which was an article of faith for Sri Lankan Tamils, was undone by a judicial pronouncement. The main pillars of democracy — judiciary, freedom of the press, trade unions and students unions began to be systematically interfered with. The UN Report has expressed concern over emerging trends —the failure to fulfill past commitments to enquire into human rights violations. The UN report has highlighted "deepening immunity, increasing militarisation of governmental functions, ethno-nationalist rhetoric, and intimidation of civic society".

To understand the rationale of India's decision, one has to keep the international scenario in mind. Any attempt to ostracise Sri Lanka would be counter–productive. It would only increase Sri Lanka's dependence on China. Second, a solution to the Tamil problem can be found only if it becomes an integral part of the wider struggle for restoration of democracy. The need of the hour is unity among all opposition parties, which subscribe to power sharing and participatory democracy at all levels. There should also be a lively debate as to how the cultural rights of the non-territorial minorities, Moslems and the Indian Tamils, could be promoted. Instead of imposing uniformity, Sri Lanka should find ways and means to accommodate diversity and pluralism.

Paul Sieghart, internationally renowned human rights activist, had quoted one of the most cynical observations in international politics: "You cannot make omelettes without breaking eggs". It means that for achieving rapid economic growth, the government has to impose restrictions on democratic freedoms and human rights. Singapore statesman Late Lee Kuan Yew was the greatest champion of this absurd proposition. As a result, Singapore became a conformist society. The wise conformed, the otherwise landed in Changi prison.

Manimekhalai is the greatest literary epic of Theravada form of Buddhism. It would be appropriate if Sri Lankan leaders reflect on the wisdom contained in this great epic: "If the King swerved from the rule of law, the planets would step out of line. If the planets stepped out of line, the rains would fail. If the rains failed, life on earth would cease. It would be time to say, 'One who rules the world as a King should look upon every life as his own'."

QUOTE CORNER

Jill and I were heartbroken to learn of the violent attack at a security checkpoint on the US Capitol grounds, which killed Officer William Evans of the US Capitol Police, and left a fellow officer fighting for his life. We send our heartfelt condolences...

Joe Biden, US president

I have the right to call a doctor and get medications. They give me neither one nor the other. The back pain has moved to the leg. Parts of my right leg and now of my left leg have lost sensitivity. Jokes aside, but this is already annoying

Alexei Navalny, Russian opposition leader

Pulling him (George Floyd) down to the ground face down, and putting your knee on the neck for that amount of time is just uncalled for. I saw no reason why the officers felt they were in danger

Richard Zimmerman, Minneapolis police homicide unit head

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EVM bungling in Assam

The Assam incident in which polled EVMs were found being carried in a vehicle belonging to a BJP candidate is most unfortunate. That EVMs are hundred percent tamper proof is a well-settled fact by now. Even then the negligence involved from the side of the poll officials is grievous. The Congress party was quick to cast aspersions on the voting system as if there was an attempt to tamper with the EVMs. While that can be dismissed as politically motivated, the Election Commission needs to re-caution its officials across the country in such matters.

P Mangalachandran , Kannur

Hurting middle class

Ours is a savings economy. The government wants to make it a borrowing economy as in the West. But the West has safety nets like unemployment insurance — which do not exist in India. People save throughout their lives to get over a bad patch or for retirement. It is these savings that are under attack from the government. Senior citizens and retirees are finding it extremely difficult to maintain their standard of living, for no fault of theirs. Their savings are getting fast eroded. Petrol and diesel prices are increasing because of additional excise duties levied when international prices were falling. The government wants trade and industry to get loans at a cheap rate. But the depositors must get a fair rate to survive. The only way out for the people is to express displeasure during elections.

BG Baliga,Thrissur

Surging Covid cases amid poll

The sixteenth legislative Assembly election of Tamil Nadu is to be held on April 6 and, according to the Election Commission, 62.6 million people are eligible to vote, of which 40 lakh voters are from Chennai. The elections come at a time when the city is struggling against a new swell of corona virus cases — Chennai saw a 100% rise in fresh cases over a span of three weeks. One of the reasons for the new surge is thought to be 'fatigue', which has resulted in lax discipline towards preventive guidelines and social distancing. In fact, the new cases are reported to be workplace and family clusters, with the latter arising out of a failure to comply with home quarantine measures. No doubt, Chennai needs corona care by the end of this week.

MR Jayanthi, Coimbatore

Path for self-reliance

India should point not for a "China-less" economy, but rather for one in which we have "less China". A basic component of this journey lies in innovation policy. India needs to match and improve upon China's accomplishments in encouraging the research institutions and intellectuals that occupy them. In managing its economy, India must learn from other countries as Maruti has learnt from Japan. It has a lot to gain from China's model of advancement. The question now is, whether India has the self-confidence to take drastic decisions to carry out necessary reforms?

Abhimanyu Sahoo, Odisha

Wrong messages of Centre

There's no remedy to 'allergy' developed by individuals! So, the powers that be at the Centre, having developed allergy against any antagonism to their acts, have no other go but to do away with the source of the allergy. That's why all available stops like using central agencies, sedition are being utilised. The only pain in the neck is the farmers who are dead against the farm laws. One wrong move by the farmers and, rest assured, they'll have it. The final answer is people's verdict at the hustings.

K Nehru Patnaik, Vizag

Udhayanidhi's faux pas

Who is Udhayanidhi? A non-actor who gets films only because he is the son of Stalin; a non-politician who contests only because he is the son of Stalin. This nonentity has had the temerity to target the PM and say that Sushma Swaraj and Arun Jaitley died because of the pressure put on them by the PM. What a despicable comment. And rightly condemned by the daughters of Swaraj and Jaitley.

CK Subramaniam, Navi Mumbai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
For extorting money, the Bihar Police can now raid and murder anyone except criminals

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Bombay in 'Midnight's' Children had not changed when I was growing up there. Today's Mumbai & much of India is different and more divided place

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
Maharashtra is the only State which has not given any kind of assistance to its citizens during #COVID19 pandemic

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

AIUDF is committed to supporting a Congress CM after May 2. Mahajot govt, an alliance of 10 parties, will work equally for all regions & communities without fear or favour –Badruddin Ajmal, AIUDF

Congress is having several alliances with communal forces. In Kerala, they've an alliance with the Muslim League and in Bengal, with Abbas Siddiqui and in Assam, with Ajmal –Sambit Patra, BJP

BJP troll sena chiefs are working 24x7 shifts to repeat that BJP sweeping Phases 1 & 2 Goebbels only got that far, remember. Committed suicide en famille on May 1, 1945 –Mahua Moitra, Bengal TMC

Psyops is BJP's new weapon against Didi

In attempt to demoralise Trinamool workers & supporters, Modi, BJP brass repeat Mamata will lose in Nandigram

PRANAB MONDAL @Kolkata

IF mind games could win elections, then the Bharatiya Janata Party would win in West Bengal in a canter. Even two days after a high drama voting in Nandigram, where chief minister and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee is pitted against her confidante-turned-rival Suvendu Adhikari, the saffron party continues to claim that she will lose from the prestigious seat.

Addressing a rally in South 24-Parganas on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Mamata should accept defeat in Nandigram and that if she decides to contest from another seat, she would lose from there also. Her twin defeat would lead to the Trinamool's disappearance from Bengal's political landscape, he added.

Earlier, union home minister Amit Shah, BJP chief J P Nadda and other heavyweights of the saffron camp have also talked in the same vein. With six phases of polling yet to go, the attempt is to make Trinamool workers and voters into actually believing this will happen, leaving them demoralised. Even if half the supporters of Mamata are convinced, it could play into the saffron party's hands. "Banerjee is the only face of the TMC. Now, we will face polls in south Bengal districts in the next few phases, known as the TMC's strongholds. If a message can be delivered that her defeat is imminent, her followers and the party's voters will get scared and subsequently, it will give us electoral dividend in the next phases," a BJP leader said.

"From your home, you went to Nabanna on a scooter. Then you went to Nandigram where you are going to lose with a huge margin. Defeat is standing in front you. Accept it Didi. I have heard that a section of your educated party colleagues is now saying your decision to contest from Nandigram was a wrong," Modi said.

The PM's scooter ride remark was a reference to Mamata's protest held in Kolkata against rising fuel prices before the announcement of the elections. As a mark of protest, the CM ditched her car and rode pillion on a scooter while going to the secretariat.

"I also heard you are planning to contest from another seat. If you do, it will be another wrong decision, Didi. Because your twin defeat will lead to the TMC's disappearance from the electoral landscape of West Bengal," Modi added.

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and PM Narendra Modi both campaigned in South 24 Parganas on Saturday, exchanging charges against each other over | BIBHASH LODH

22%

of the 372 candidates in the fourth phase of the Bengal polls have declared criminal cases against themselves

₹3 cr

of assets of Kunal Ghosh, Satabdi Roy of TMC & Debjani Mukherjee seized by ED in Saradha chit fund case

EC transfers Himanta's brother

Guwahati: After barring Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma from campaigning in the Assembly polls for 48 hours, the Election Commission has also transferred his brother and Goalpara Superintendent of Police Sushanta Biswa Sarma from the district. An order issued by the Commission on Friday said that Sarma shall be transferred to some suitable post in the state headquarters and IPS officer Veera Venakata Rakesh Reddy shall be posted with immediate effect as the new SP of Goalpara district, which will go to polls in the third and last phase on April 6.

Didi's new video sparks debate

Kolkata: A purported video clip where Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee is seen sitting on a wheelchair and moving her plastered leg back and forth has gone viral on social media, giving her rivals an opportunity to claim that she was playing up her injuries to win sympathy. The TMC, however, has condemned the "manner in which the party supremo has been insulted", and said the rival BJP should learn how to respect women. BJP spokesperson Pronoy Roy, who shared the 30-second clip on Facebook, said Banerjee should "stop putting up a drama over her injuries" to garner public support.

Modi attacks AIDUF for 'beard' remark

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday targeted the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) over an 'objectionable' comment made by its MLA Abdur Rahim. In a rally recently, Rahim had apparently said that people sporting dadhi (beard), topi (cap) and wearing lungi will form the next government in Assam.

Addressing a rally at Tamulpur, Modi said: "I heard some people made some announcements. They have also given a description of the next government, how it will look like and what it will wear. They have accepted that they have lost the polls. It is shocking that they have come up with a blueprint for Assam. There cannot be a bigger insult to Assam and its culture." Modi did not not name anybody.

The Congress has formed a 10-party grand alliance to oust BJP. Throughout its poll campaign, BJP has targeted the grand old party and its ally AIUDF. The saffron party has been telling voters that if the alliance grabs power, Ajmal will become the chief minister. He is seen by many as a sympathiser of illegal immigrants.

Modi claimed that the people of Assam have understood the difference between 'mahajhoot" (grand lies) and 'mahajot" (grand alliance). He said people will not tolerate those who insult Assam's pride and identity and give them a befitting reply in the polls.

Midway through his speech, Modi halted briefly to direct the doctors accompanying him to attend to a person in the crowd who had fainted. "PM @narendramodi directed the team of PMO doctors to give immediate assistance to an old person who was apparently dehydrated. He is stable now," BJP tweeted.

The third and final phase of Assam polls will be held on April 6.

PM's insult shield to take on Mamata's bribe barb

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee were locked in a war of words on Saturday. The heavyweights addressed rallies in Hooghly's Tarakeshwar constituency and in the district of South 24 Parganas. Both places are known as the ruling party's strongholds.

Mamata alleged BJP is handing money to those who attending the saffron camp's rallies. Modi accused her of 'insulting' the people of the state. "The BJP is spreading money to buy votes. They are giving ₹500 for attending rallies," said Mamata in Tarakeshwar.

At a gathering in Haripal where former BJP Rajya Sabha MP Swapan Dasgupta is contesting from, Modi said: "Didi is saying we are paying money to those coming to our rallies. Have you (the audience) come here for money? Her statement says that the people of Bengal can be sold just for ₹500. Isn't this insulting the people of Bengal?"

Reiterating her displeasure over the role of the Election Commission and central forces, Mamata said: "The central force is acting at the behest of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. In Nandigram, they visited villages late at night a day before polls and threatened to abduct women and girls. Now, BJP is bringing in goons from outside, who are entering the villages in police uniform and threatening voters. Election Commission is sitting idle and taking no action."

Taking a jibe at Mamata's allegations against the Commission, central forces and her *'Khela Hobe'* (game on) slogan, Modi said: "Pointing a finger at the umpire repeatedly in a cricket match indicates that something is wrong with your skills as a player. Didi, *khela sesh* (game is over)."

Referring to Mamata's allegation of misrule in BJP-led Uttar Pradesh, Modi raised questions on her stand on women's safety in West Bengal.

"I tried to set 1,000 fast-track courts for speedy trials related to cases of heinous crimes against women, but you didn't allow it in Bengal. We wanted to set up anti-trafficking unit in every district, you did not respond," the PM said.

SLUGFEST

Election panel halves Sarma campaign ban, Cong cries foul

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@New Delhi/Guwahati

AS the Election Commission slashed the 48-hour campaign ban on Assam BJP leader Himanta Biswa Sarma to half following an apology, Congress called it a dark day for democracy. The party said the EC has buckled under pressure from the Modi government and reversed its won order.

The EC had on Friday barred Sarma from campaigning for 48 hours for issuing 'threats' to a leader of the opposition. It was reduced to 24 hours after Sarma tendered an 'unconditional' apology. Congress said the EC doesn't have the guts to sustain its own order. The party demanded that EC should also ban PM Narendra Modi, Amit Shah and JP Nadda from campaigning to ensure free and fair elections.

"They are not going to be successful in this ir conspiracy. We urge that though notices have been given to newspapers which ran advertisements (in Assam newspapers claiming BJP is winning), it should also bar Narendra Modi, Amit Shah, Sarbananda Sonowal and JP Nadda, who were shown in the ads in these newspapers," said Congress leader RS Surjewala.

Sarma was sanctioned following a complaint from Congress that Sarma had threatened to send Bodoland People's Front chief Hagrama Mohilary to jail by using the National Investigation Agency for encouraging former rebel leader MD Batha, who is believed to have returned to the jungle a year after laying down weapons.

"The Commission, having considered your aforesaid unconditional apology and assurance/undertaking... has decided to modify its order... and reduce the period of debarment from election campaign from 48 hours to 24 hours," the EC wrote in a letter to Sarma.

Russia India's old ally, US not known yet: Political analyst

PUSHKAR BANAKAR @New Delhi

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will begin his visit to India on Monday and set the ball rolling for a possible visit by President Vladimir Putin for the India-Russia summit. Moscow-based American political analyst **Andrew Korybko** discusses the possible outcomes of Lavrov's visit and its implications in the context of India-Russia-US ties...

What is the importance of the Russian Foreign Minister's visit?
Sergey Lavrov's upcoming visit provides the perfect moment to reflect on the importance of the traditional Russian-Indian strategic partnership, especially in comparison to the new Indian-American one. India has the sovereign right to develop relations, which is the thinking that lies at the heart of its multi-alignment policy. But it can be argued that its ties with Russia are much fairer and more mutually beneficial than the ones it has recently cultivated with the US. The intention in pointing this out isn't to influence the course of its careful balancing act between both, but simply to encourage a deeper appreciation of Russia's importance for Indian grand strategy.

Russia and India enjoy historical ties while ties with the US are relatively new. What are the differences between the two sets of relationships?
Russia is a historically trusted partner that has proven its loyalty to India over decades. The US is a new partner whose trust has not yet been earned and is at risk of faltering. The closest Russia ever came to offending India was Lavrov's well-intended international observations about the Quad, while the US increasingly offends India with its suspicious criticisms of domestic issues, the latest being the US State Department report on human rights issues in India. Russia respects India's right to develop relations with other countries that it chooses, while the US is imposing an ultimatum on India to pull out of its planned S-400 air defence deal or face CAATSA sanctions.

Speaking of the S-400 air defence systems, why do you think the US is threatening sanctions under CAATSA?
India wants Russia's S-400s air defence systems because they are the best in the world, but the US is against their procurement as Washington makes its own military-industrial complex and analogous wares look bad by comparison.

Russia is believed to have played a key part in diffusing tensions between India and China. Does a India-Russian relationship mean better India-China ties as well and what are the implications of this with regard to ties with the US?
Russia hopes to improve trilateral cooperation between itself, India, and China while the US aims to exacerbate the conflict potential between India and China as part of its regional divide-and-rule strategy. The US' so-called military diplomacy sees the Pentagon taking charge of America's relations with India.

Despite historical ties, what challenges do you see in India-Russia relations?
Indian-Russian trade constantly disappoints and serious work must urgently be undertaken to improve it. That said, PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Putin jointly unveiled their plans for the Vladivistok-Chennai Maritime Corridor during the Indian leader's visit at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok in 2019. Hence, hopes are high that this initiative can help diversify their economic relations and that the issue will be discussed during Lavrov's visit.

'Tribals must be involved in forest management'

Government departments and officials have to acknowledge that forests and tribals are inter-dependent and that sustainable development is not possible without involving tribals, said Professor ***SB Roy****, Founder Chairman of the Indian Institute of Bio-Social Research and Development's (IBRAD), retired IAS officer* ***NC Saxena*** *and Prof* ***Biswajit Dhar*** *of JNU. They were in conversation with TNIE's Editorial Director* ***Prabhu Chawla*** *and senior journalist* ***Kaveree Bamzai*** *at E-Expressions, a series of live webcasts with prominent people.*

"The tribal department should understand if there is no sustainable management of the forest, if the tribals do not understand the Acts, the development will not be there. There needs to be periodical monitoring of biodiversity, livelihood and sustainability," Prof Roy said.

Speaking about lack of proper implementation of the Forest Rights Act and other similar laws, he said, "...There is a need for a consolidated effort to view the forest and the tribe as integrated and interdependent bodies. The operational plan is not very clear and each one (ministry) is beating their own drum, thus there is no harmony... In some places, FRA has been implemented very well, like Odisha, some parts of Chhattisgarh and Karnataka — we have to take lessons from these places and understand the factors of success."

Speaking about the Biodiversity Act, Professor Dhar said, "It talks about conserving and sustainably using all the biological resources... It talks about empowering the local communities, gives the powers to manage the resources and have certain control of the usage. It's a bottom-up approach. At the local level, there are biodiversity committees that have statutory powers... They are supposed to be set up at local level but it is not defined as whether it's village or block. They are supposed to take stock of the resources available in the region and also the local jurisdiction knowledge. Until recently, these have not been established." Dhar said the AYUSH and the Biodiversity ministries are calling the shots as far as biodiversity management is concerned. "There is an effort being made to dilute the Biodiversity Act. It's all in the name of facilitating bioresources, while ignoring the resources of the local community."

Talking about the rights of tribals to use forest land, Saxena said it's not a recent problem. "There has been historical injustice to the adivasis...Efforts have been made a few times to correct this... Looking at the non-implementation and policies that we have, we wanted to give power to the gram sabhas in a new law, who are occupying forest lands for generations. They help in management, protection and thus community rights should be given to them. We got it passed by the Rajya Sabha. But when it went to the cabinet it diluted the law," he explained," he explained.

In conclusion, Dhar said local communities have to be "given the rights they deserve and forest officials have to be told that they are supposed to be working for the local communities.

The forest dept needs to build the capacity of the gram sabha... Unless there is structure, accountability, monitoring, no one will function properly
SB Roy, chairman, IBRAD

The buzzword today is the ease of doing business. The environment is no one's baby; it goes out of the window. You are only looking at the business aspect
Prof Biswajit Dhar, JNU

It may be desirable that forest dept should be given up, but that's not going to happen... What's feasible is increase in production of forest products, improve their access
NC Saxena, retd. IAS officer

TASK CUT OUT

NEW CJI HAS TO FILL VACANCIES, TACKLE PENDENCY

KANU SARDA @New Delhi

WITH just a few days left for incumbent CJI S A Bobde to demit office, the biggest challenge for his successor, Justice N V Ramana, is to tackle the huge pendency and vacancies in the Supreme Court.

CJI Bobde will demit office on April 23, bringing down the number of apex court judges to just 28 against the sanctioned strength of 34. No judges have been appointed to the top court since September 2019. As on March 1, 2021, there were 66,727 matters pending in the SC whereas on March 1, 2020, the figure was 60,469. This shows that the number of cases pending in the court has increased over a year's time. Though the SC worked more during the pandemic than what it did in other years, the pendency has still touched an all-time high. The main reason for the pendency is the restricted physical hearings and shifting of the whole judicial work online. In the beginning, only important cases were taken up for hearing but gradually miscellaneous cases too were taken up.

Urgent e-filing protocols were drafted and implemented. Despite the initial glitches, to the judiciary's credit the system improved and evolved, quite literally with each passing day.

BOY RETURNED

The BSF on Saturday said it has handed over an eight-year-old boy to Pakistani rangers, after he inadvertently crossed the international border (IB) and reached India's Barmer sector from the neighbouring country

3 HELD FOR HARASSING NUNS IN JHANSI ON MARCH 19

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	26	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	39	20	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	35	23	Patna	38	19
Amritsar	31	19	Lucknow	37	23
Chennai	37	25	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	35	23	Imphal	33	11
Srinagar	17	06	Chandigarh	39	22

Highest daily spike in over 6 months

Country records a whopping 89,129 cases on a single day; fatalities highest since October 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS many as 89,129 new Covid-19 were reported in the country on Saturday, the highest daily rise in around six-and-half-months, taking the total tally of infections to over 1.23 crore and total death toll to 1,64,110 with 714 fatalities being reported on a single day.

Over 81 per cent of the total infections reported on Saturday were from just eight states — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Madhya Pradesh. According to the union health ministry, ten districts — Pune, Mumbai, Nagpur, Thane, Nashik, Bengaluru Urban, Aurangabad, Delhi, Ahmednagar and Nanded — account for 50 per cent of the total active caseload of the country.

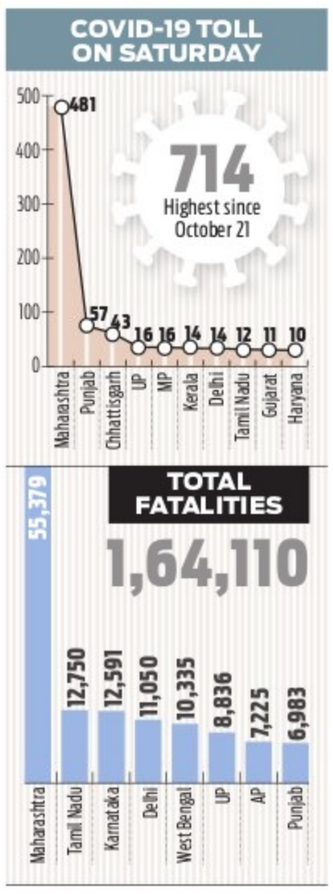
The increase in cases reported on Saturday was the highest since September 20 last year when 92,605 new infections were recorded in a span of 24 hours and the jump in fatalities reported on Saturday was the highest since October 21.

The number of daily cases peaked in September last year with 97,894 infections being reported on the 17th day of the month, after which there was a gradual decline in cases.

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), 24,69,59,192 samples have been tested for Covid-19 up to April 2 with 10,46,605 of them being tested on Friday.

Maharashtra has registered a nine-fold jump, the maximum increase in the number of active cases in the last two months. In percentage terms, Punjab has reported the maximum increase in active cases.

Five states — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Kerala and Punjab — cumulatively account for 77.3 per cent of the total active cases in the country.



Maharashtra alone accounts for 59.36 per cent of the total active caseload of the country.

Twelve states — Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Karnataka, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala — are displaying an upward trajectory in daily new cases.

India's cumulative recoveries stand at 1,15,69,241 with 44,202 recoveries being registered in a day. The total number of Covid vaccine doses administered in the country crossed 7.3 crore mark which includes over 6 crore first doses, while the second dose numbers are also nearing the 1-crore mark.

'Testing time' for health officials in Haridwar

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

AMID apprehensions that the ongoing Mahakumbh in Haridwar may become a 'super-spreader' event, the Uttarakhand government is facing an uphill task of testing 50,000 people daily for Covid-19 in the city alone. The Uttarakhand High Court earlier this week had asked the state government to ensure at least 50,000 samples are tested per day in Haridwar district during the ongoing pilgrim event.

An official with the state health department, on the condition of anonymity, said, "Even if every available resource is deployed, we won't be able to test 50,000 people every day in Haridwar or Uttarakhand. We are trying our best to test as many people possible."

The medical infrastructure in the hill state draws a grim picture when it comes to testing. At present the state tests Covid samples at 10 government labs, which have the maximum capacity to handle 9,700 samples per day. Apart from this, 12 private labs can conduct 1,000 to 1,500 tests daily.

The data from state health department also revealed that a total of 3,41,304 Covid-19 tests were done in Haridwar in the last three months. In January as many as 69,332 tests were conducted in the pilgrim city, followed by 1,09,284 tests in February and 1,62,688 tests in March.

The average daily tests in the city in last three months are 3,792 while in March the figure is 5,248 per day. The Mahakumbh started on April 1 and will go on for a month with over 5 crore pilgrims expected to visit the city for ceremonial dip in the Ganges.

Meanwhile, total active cases in Uttarakhand shot up to 2,638 on Saturday with 439 new infections.

Till date Uttarakhand has tested 27,76,528 samples and results of 37,470 samples are still awaited. Total 1,01,714 cases have surfaced in the hill state till date starting from March 15, 2020. Out of these 95,825 recovered/cured while 1,725 lost their lives and 1,526 moved out of the state.

On April 14, which is also the day of Baisakhi festival, it is estimated that over one crore devotees may visit the holy city.

Maha likely to divert more industrial-use oxygen

Mumbai: With Maharashtra recording over half of the daily coronavirus cases in India, the state is considering diverting all industrial-use oxygen supply for medical use, CM Uddhav Thackeray said on Saturday. With the demand for oxygen surging, the state public health department had last month directed oxygen manufacturers to divert 80 per cent of their stocks for medical use and retain the rest 20 per cent for industrial purposes. The daily demand has touched 700 ton against the state's production capacity of over 1200 ton.

PARLIAMENT PANEL FOR NEW LAW TO UNCAGE CBI

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

EXPRESSING concern over the rising trend of state governments withdrawing their consent for a Central Bureau of Investigation probe, a parliamentary standing committee has recommended to the Centre to assess if there was a need to amend the existing laws or pass a new law in order to clearly define the CBI's mandate and vest more powers in it.

So far, eight non-Bharatiya Janata Party ruled states have withdrawn their general consent required for initiating a CBI investigation. Five of these states, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand and Punjab, did this only last year.

In its report, the panel has referred to the CBI's submission that it was unable to take up investigation of new cases in the absence of general consent from the states, especially in cases of bank fraud/economic offences and corruption involving central government employees where there are allegations of misappropriation of huge amounts of public money. "The committee agrees with the view of (the) CBI that

WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT

STATE	ORDER ISSUED
Mizoram	17.07.2015
West Bengal	16.11.2018
Chhattisgarh	10.01.2019
Rajasthan	19.07.2020
Maharashtra	21.10.2020
Kerala	04.11.2020
Jharkhand	05.11.2020
Punjab	06.11.2020

ing Laws or bring out a new law altogether in order to clearly define the mandate of (the) CBI and vest more powers in it," said the report recently tabled in Parliament.

Mizoram, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Kerala, Jharkhand and Punjab are the other states which have withdrawn their general consent. Mizoram did so in July 2015, followed by West Bengal and Chhattisgarh in November 2018 and January 2019, respectively and the remaining states withdrew consent in 2020.

As per section 6 of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, the consent of state governments is required by the CBI to carry out investigations in any area of a State that is not being a union territory or a railway area.

Pursuant to the grant of consent by the state government, the central government, by a notification under section 5 of the DSPE Act, extends the powers and jurisdiction of the CBI to the state to conduct investigations for specified offences.

A confrontation between non-BJP ruled state governments and the Centre has become quite frequent as the CBI has delved into cases that are seen as politically-motivated or were being probed by local law enforcement. Recently, the Maharashtra government withdrew its consent hours after the CBI filed a case to investigate the TV ratings scam on the basis of a complaint filed in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh. Earlier this year, the investigation in the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput was handed over to the central agency as well.

Delhi riot case accused among charge-sheeted

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

THE Special Task Force on February 16 last claimed to have busted a terror plot with the arrest of two PFI activists — Feroz Khan and Asad Badruddin — in Lucknow. A huge cache of explosives, arms and incriminating documents was recovered from them. They were allegedly planning a serial blast in Uttar Pradesh.

According to highly placed sources, the STF has indicted the PFI members for plotting caste riots in Hathras and adjoining districts in the aftermath of the gang-rape of the Dalit girl. The victim died at Delhi's Safdarjung hospital on September 29, 2020.

Sources claimed one among those named in the charge-sheet by the STF is Mohammad Danish, who was arrested by the Delhi Police for hatching a conspiracy to incite communal riots in north-east Delhi.

STF sources said the PFI members were charged with sedition, wantonly giving provocation with the intent to cause riot, defile places of worship to insult religion, raising funds for terrorist act, conspiracy under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), among others.

Applicants, not following social distancing norms, wait to file nomination papers for panchayat elections, in Prayagraj on Saturday | PTI

Nominations for UP panchayat elections begin in 18 districts

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE nomination process for the first phase of panchayat elections in Uttar Pradesh started on Saturday.

The process will continue on Sunday as well and the candidates aspiring to contest the Gram, Block and Zila Panchayat posts in 18 districts have started filing their papers at the development block headquarters in these districts. The voting for the first phase will take place on April 15.

Additional Election Commissioner Ved Prakash Verma has issued instructions to District Magistrates that the crowd of supporters of candidates coming to the Block headquarters should be stopped outside at a radius of 200 metres on the nomination day.

Only the candidate, his election agent, proposer and one more person is allowed to enter the premises of Block office.

The SEC has also issued Covid-19 guidelines with a direction that if a Covid-affected person or a person living with a Covid patient wants to contest the election, he/she can submit the nomination papers through a proposer or any other authorised person. Soap, water and sanitiser will be arranged for the persons coming to present the nomination papers in the Returning Officer's Room.

The guidelines also mention that the candidate and one more person accompanying him will be allowed to enter the Returning Officer's Room for submission of nomination papers.

Arrangements have been made for other candidates and their attendants to sit outside the waiting room so as to maintain the social distancing norm.

The districts going to polls in the first phase include Saharanpur, Ghaziabad, Rampur, Bareilly, Hathras, Agra, Kanpur Nagar, Jhansi, Mahoba, Prayagraj, Rae Bareli, Hardoi, Ayodhya, Shravasti, Santakbirnagar, Gorakhpur, Jaunpur and Bhadohi.

SURPRISE ATTACK

Bodies of two rebels recovered from border site

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ON Friday night, several parties of the security forces fanned out across the Bijapur-Sukma border on anti-Maoist operations based on intel inputs. The ultras ambushed one of the parties near Tarrem on Saturday noon, resulting in a nearly three hour exchange of fire.

Two choppers and nine ambulances were rushed to Bijapur to aid the forces, officials said, adding bodies of two rebels had been recovered from the site.

Rajasthan BJP rebel pulls out of poll race 'under pressure', triggers row

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

WITHDRAWAL of nomination by an Independent candidate, a BJP rebel, for an Assembly by-election in Rajasthan has triggered controversy. Ladulal Pitalia withdrew his papers for the Sahara seat in Bhilwara district, alleging the BJP had pressured him to withdraw.

Pitalia has written to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and sought protection for his family. In his letter, Ladulal has alleged that he is being "pressured" on account of his business interests in BJP-ruled Karnataka. Pitalia has a garment business in that state and has accused the Karantaka government of threatening him and putting pressure on his family.

Pitalia's purported audio clips have also gone viral where he talks about the threats to withdraw his nomination. Pitalia was earlier with the BJP. After he was rejected as the party candidate, he wanted to contest the by-election as an independent.

BJP sources said Pitalia's name was on the panel of candidates but he was dropped on caste calculations. An angry Pitalia filed his nomination as an independent on March 30, becoming a spoilsport for the official BJP candidate.

The episode has triggered a verbal war between the BJP and the Congress. "The BJP puts up a lot of drama about morality, but look at how they have threatened and pressured Pitalia to withdraw," remarked Govind Singh Dotasra, state Congress chief. The BJP, however, asserts there was no pressure on Pitalia. "He has withdrawn unconditionally," said Satish Poonia, state BJP chief.

EXPRESS READ

Maha Cong flags issues in coalition govt

Mumbai : Maharashtra Congress observer HK Patil and other senior leaders of the party met Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday with a list of demands and complaints. They said the Common Minimum Programme chalked out by constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government should be followed.

Move to set standards for pharma pollution fails

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A year after issuance of draft notification to prescribe emission and discharge standards for effluents from bulk drugs and pharmaceutical industries, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change could not come up with any norms for limiting antibiotics discharged from the industry due to lack of available research on the subject.

Toll from antimicrobial resistance on rise

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), globally 700,000 people die every year from AMR and it may rise to 10 million by 2050 if trend continues. India along with China are the world's largest producers of antibiotics

"Necessary information and research is not available for prescribing the appropriate norms for limiting the concentration of antibiotics, monitoring and compliance verification and testing protocols effluents discharged from pharma industry," the ministry said.

The norms were important keeping in mind antimicrobial resistance (AMR) emerging as a critical public health issue, with microbes developing resistance to life-saving antibiotics, and untreated effluents laden with antibiotics flowing into waterbodies adding to the threat.

The draft notification on emission and discharge standards for Bulk Drugs and Formulations (Pharmaceuticals) Industries were released on January 2020 and the ministry has so far received 35 suggestions from the associations, experts and the industry.

Harappan inhabitants used to consume laddoos

A joint study by the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow, and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), New Delhi has revealed that Harappan people used to consume high-protein, multigrain 'laddoos' (food balls) around 4,000 years ago. The study was conducted on the laddoos procured during an excavation in Rajasthan. At least seven 'laddoos' dating back to 2,600 BCE were discovered in 2017 during the excavation of a Harappan archaeological site at 4MSR (earlier known as Binjor) in western part of Rajasthan.

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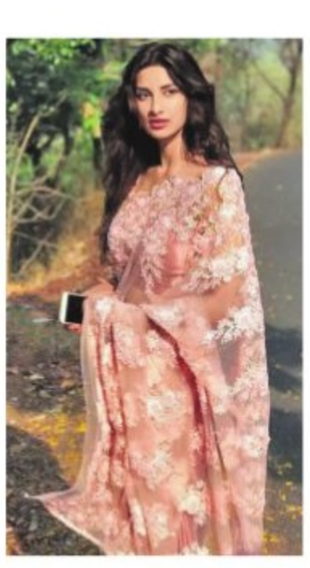
LUCKNOW DIARY

Lord Lakshman's statue to adorn capital city

A 151-foot-high statue of Lord Lakshman, the younger brother of Lord Ram, would be installed in Lucknow, the city's municipal corporation's executive committee unanimously passed the proposal recently and earmarked ₹1 crore for construction of the statue. Popular belief is that Lord Lakshman established the city of Lucknow. Artists and sculptors from Rajasthan and other states are being contacted for the statue installation work. The Lucknow Municipal Corporation is also planning a gallery which will portray the life and times of Lord Lakshman, his story, sacrifice, devotion towards Lord Ram, ethics and simplicity. A daily light and sound show about the famous Ramayana character is also being planned by the civic body administration.

UP panchayat polls get a tinge of glamour

UP panchayat polls are set to have their share of glamour quotient. Diksha Singh, the model and Miss India runner-up of 2015, is all ready to take the political plunge by contesting the district panchayat election from Ward No 26 of Baksha Block in Jaunpur district. The reason behind Diksha's foray into political landscape of rural UP is the district panchayat seat that her father wanted to contest from, but has now been reserved for women, prompting the model to test the poll waters. Diksha Singh will be competing against late BJP leader Ram Chandra Singh's daughter-in-law Shalini Singh. The first phase of the panchayat election in Jaunpur is slated for April 15.



Covid animation series goes global

'Super Villain Corona', an animated video series made in Uttar Pradesh, has gone global and is helping individuals, governments and organisations across 20 countries in fighting the pandemic. 'Super Villain' is a character which has been created to denote coronavirus which is on the prowl. Developed last year by Unicef under an arrangement with the UP government's departments of health and family welfare, women welfare, education, AYUSH and UP Police, the video series gives Covid-19 messages such as importance of wearing masks, washing hands with soap and maintaining social distance.

8 killed
in a western Mexico township where drug cartels have been waging pitched turf battles

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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Fears of wider conflict as 10 rebel groups back Myanmar protesters

Security forces kill at least five protesters, internet shutdown continues in many areas

YANGON

TEN of Myanmar's major rebel groups threw their support behind the country's anti-coup movement on Saturday, fanning fears that a broader conflict could erupt in a country long plagued by fighting between the military and ethnic armies.

On Saturday, 10 rebel groups met virtually to discuss the situation, condemning the junta's use of live ammunition on protesters.

"The leaders of the military council must be held accountable," said General Yawd Serk, leader of rebel group the Restoration Council of Shan State.

Last week, the junta declared a month-long ceasefire with ethnic armed groups, though exceptions might be made if "security and administrative machinery of the government... are encroached on".

Meanwhile, crackdown on protesters continued with security forces in central Myanmar killing at least five people on Saturday, according to local media. A human rights group said mounting violence since the February 1 military takeover has killed over 550 civilians.

Of those, 46 were children, according to Assistance Association for Political Prisoners. Some 2,751 people have been detained or sentenced, the group said. Threats of lethal violence and arrests of protesters have failed to suppress daily demonstrations across Myanmar demanding the military step down and reinstate the democratically elected government.

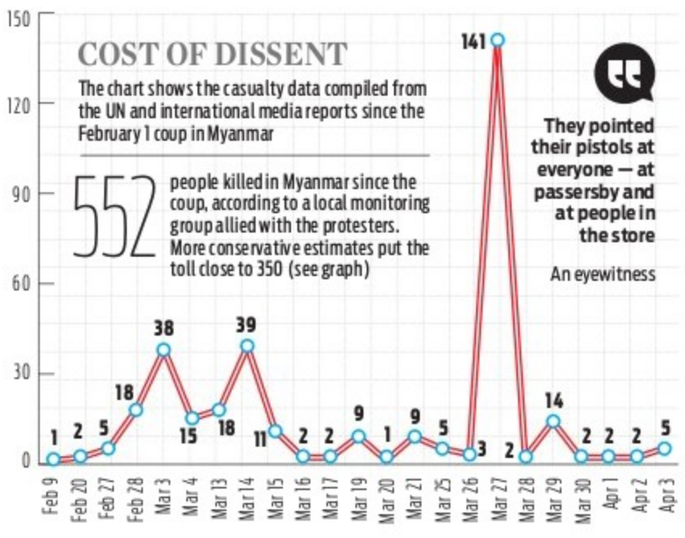
The *Myanmar Now* news service reported government forces fired at demonstrators in Monywa city, killing at least two people. One video posted on social media showed a group of protesters carrying away a young man with what appeared to be a serious head wound, as gunfire sounded. His condition wasn't immediately known.

At least seven people were injured in the shooting, two of whom sustained severe wounds and were taken into custody by soldiers, *Myanmar Now* said, citing a member of a local rescue team.

Late Friday, armed plainclothes police took five people into custody after they spoke with a *CNN* reporter in a market in Yangon, the country's largest city, local media reported citing witnesses. The arrests occurred in three separate incidents. Two women reportedly shouted for help as they were being arrested, *Myanmar Now* reported. One police officer, who was carrying a gun, asked if "anyone dared to help them," a witness told the news service. "They pointed their pistols at everyone — at passersby and at people in the store," the witness said of two police officers, who forcibly took away two other women in the market.

After weeks of overnight cutoffs of internet access, Myanmar's military on Friday shut all links apart from those using fiberoptic cable, which was working at drastically reduced speeds. *Agencies*

Anti-coup protesters demonstrate homemade air rifles during a protest against the military coup in Yangon, Myanmar on Saturday | AP


COST OF DISSENT
The chart shows the casualty data compiled from the UN and international media reports since the February 1 coup in Myanmar
552 people killed in Myanmar since the coup, according to a local monitoring group allied with the protesters. More conservative estimates put the toll close to 350 (see graph)
They pointed their pistols at everyone — at passersby and at people in the store
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Prosecutors seek arrest in Taiwan rail crash

HUALIEN COUNTY

PROSECUTORS in Taiwan on Saturday sought an arrest warrant for the owner of an unmanned truck that rolled onto a train track and caused the country's worst rail disaster in decades, killing 50 people and injuring 178.

The train was carrying 494 people at the start of a long holiday weekend on Friday when it smashed into the construction truck, the Taiwan Railways Administration said.

The truck's emergency brake was not properly engaged, according to the government's disaster relief center. The crash occurred just before the train entered a tunnel, and many passengers were crushed inside the mangled train carriages. With much of the train stuck inside the tunnel, some survivors were forced to climb out of windows and walk along the train's roof to safety.

Yu Hsiu-duan, chief prosecutor in eastern Hualien County where the train derailed, said they were seeking an arrest warrant for the truck's owner, who was questioned along with several others. The Hualien district court allowed the truck owner to post bail of 500,000 new Taiwan dollars (US$17,516) but he must stay in the county and avoid contact with any witnesses, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported. *AFP*

US lifts Trump's sanctions on intl court prosecutor

WASHINGTON

US President Joe Biden on Friday revoked sanctions imposed by Donald Trump on the top prosecutor of the International Criminal Court as the new administration seeks a more cooperative approach, resolving an intense disagreement with European allies.

Former secretary of state Mike Pompeo last year denounced the "kangaroo court" in The Hague and imposed both financial sanctions and a US visa ban on its Gambian-born chief prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda.

> This important step underlines the US's commitment to the international rules-based system
>
> Josep Borrell, EU foreign policy chief

Pompeo acted after she launched an investigation into alleged war crimes by US military personnel in Afghanistan.

The court in The Hague further annoyed the United States by opening an investigation into alleged war crimes in the Palestinian territories by Israel, a US ally which rejects the authority of the court.

Pompeo's successor, Antony Blinken, said the US continued to "disagree strongly" with the moves on Afghanistan and Israel. "We believe, however, that our concerns about these cases would be better addressed through engagement with all stakeholders in the ICC process rather than through the imposition of sanctions," Blinken said.

Biden revoked an executive order by Trump on the sanctions, also lifting sanctions against senior ICC official Phakiso Mochochoko and visa bans on other court staff.Bensouda is leaving her job in June and will be replaced by British human rights lawyer Karim Khan, who now can open his work without the burden of looming sanctions.

Silvia Fernandez de Gurmendi, the head of the Association of States Parties to the ICC, voiced hope that the decision "signals the start of a new phase of our common undertaking to fight against impunity" for war crimes. France, which like other European allies had been aghast by the last administration's move, hailed the reversal and pledged support for the ICC. "This decision is excellent news for all who are committed to the fight against impunity, for multilateralism and for rule of law," Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said.

IMMIGRATION

US govt seeks public feedback on H-1B wage

WASHINGTON

THE US Department of Labor has sought feedback from the public in the next 60 days on determining the wage levels for the employment of various immigrants and non-immigrants, including those on the H-1B visas, the most sought-after work visa among Indian professionals.

The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows the US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. The technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.

In a federal notification published on Friday, the US Department of Labor urged the public to respond to its request in the next 60 days.

The request by the department's Employment and Training Administration follows a prior announcement by the department proposing an 18-month delay in the effective date of a final rule changing on calculating the prevailing wage levels for certain immigrants and non-immigrant workers.

Published in January 2021, the final rule affects employers seeking to employ foreign workers on a permanent or temporary basis through certain immigrant visas or through H-1B, H-1B1 and E-3 non-immigrant visas.

While the E-3 visa is one for which only citizens of Australia are eligible, the H-1B1 visa is for people from Singapore and Chile.

The proposed delay will give agency officials sufficient time to compute and validate prevailing wage data covering specific occupations and geographic areas, complete necessary system modifications and conduct public outreach. *PTI*

Capitol Hill attacker had links to radical Black nationalist movement

WASHINGTON

US officials have identified the culprit behind Friday's attack on Capitol Hill as Noah Green—a 25-year-old Black man from the US state of Indiana and an adherent of the Black nationalist Nation of Islam movement.

Officials said there was no immediate indication of his motivation or police file on him. "It does not appear to be terrorism-related, but obviously we will continue to investigate," Washington Metropolitan Police Chief Robert Contee added. Green had graduated from Christopher Newport University in Virginia, where he played football, with a degree in finance in 2019, the school confirmed. Some of his online postings in March suggested a level of despair and paranoia. He said he was unemployed and had health problems, and made references to biblical concepts of the end of times.

He wrote that he had faced "unimaginable tests" and was "in search of a spiritual journey." In one post he spoke of being tormented by the FBI and CIA, hospitalised and subjected to "mind control," and called the government "the #1 enemy of Black people!"

He also said he was a follower of Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, who promotes Black nationalist, anti-white and anti-Semitic thinking.

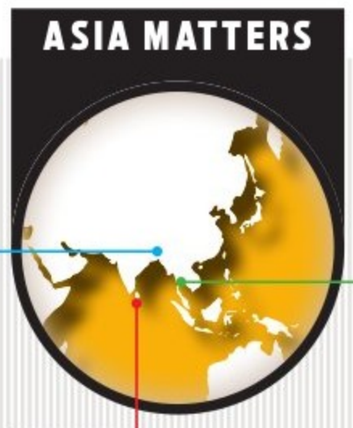
US President Joe Biden, who was with first lady Jill Biden at Camp David for the Easter holiday, offered his "heartfelt condolences" to the family of William Evans, the veteran policeman killed in the attack.

"Jill and I were heartbroken to learn of the violent attack at a security checkpoint on the US Capitol grounds," Biden said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi ordered flags lowered to half-staff on the Capitol. *Agencies*

The American flag at the US Capitol flies at half-staff in honour of police officer William Evans who was killed in Friday's attack; (inset) Noah Green | AP

ASIA MATTERS



BANGLADESH

Week-long nationwide lockdown from Monday

The Bangladesh government on Saturday decided to impose a week-long nationwide lockdown from Monday as Covid-19 cases and deaths surged across the country. Road Transport Minister Obaidul Quader made the announcement at a media briefing in Dhaka on Saturday, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported. Bangladesh on Friday logged 6,830 new cases of the coronavirus, the highest count in a day, taking the tally of infections to 624,594, according to data released by the government. In a bid to arrest the spread of the coronavirus, the government has decided to enforce a seven-day lockdown from Monday as the coronavirus cases and deaths are surging across the country, Quader, also the general secretary of the ruling Awami League, said. However, the order does not apply to utility and emergency services.

SRI LANKA

Security beefed up at churches ahead of Easter Day

Security at churches across Sri Lanka has been beefed up ahead of the Easter Sunday, police said on Saturday, ahead of the second anniversary of the April 2019 coordinated attacks on tourists and minority Christian community in the country in which 270 people, including 11 Indians, were killed. "We have tightened security of churches by deploying over 12,000 security personnel,' Senior Deputy Inspector General and police spokesperson Ajith Rohana told reporters here. The security personnel include 9,350 police officials and 2,542 troops from the tri forces (Army, Nay and Air Force)," he said.

THAILAND

Five killed in Bangkok building collapse

A Bangkok residence building collapsed on Saturday, killing at least four rescue workers and a resident, according to an emergency worker. The three-story house, located in a luxury gated community in western Bangkok, was engulfed in flames around 6 am and the fire raged for about an hour before it was put out. Around 7 am, as firefighters and rescue workers were moving through the razed structure in the Thai capital, it abruptly collapsed, killing at least five, including a resident. "The cause of the collapse remains unknown. The fire could be the main reason for interiors of the residence building to collapse," Jiratthikorn Banjongkit, chief of rescue at the Poh Teck Tung Foundation, told AFP. By 4 pm, he said that rescue workers were still working to free four of the bodies

French giant abandons Mozambique natural gas field after jihadist attack

French energy giant Total has shut its operations and withdrawn all staff from a site in northern Mozambique following last week's deadly jihadist attack in the area, security sources said on Friday

Residents of conflict-hit town of Palma leave for the capital of Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province | AP

SECURITY COMPROMISED

Total made a decision to evacuate all of its staff after drone surveillance showed insurgents were in areas "very close" to the gas plant in Afungi, sources said

Thousands of troops have been deployed to Cabo Delgado, but Mozambique's ability to fight the insurgency has long been questioned, with analysts pointing to poor training and lack of equipment

A MEGA PROJECT DERAILED

Total and its partners planned to invest $20 billion in the project, the largest amount ever for a project in Africa

In February, Total chief executive Patrick Pouyanne insisted that the project, which it inherited from the US energy firm Anadarko, was still on track to begin operations in 2024

He said this having reached agreement with Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi to set up a 25-kilometre (15-mile) radius secure zone around the site

But last week the jihadists attacked, just 10 kilometres from the compound and reportedly beheaded residents and ransacked buildings in the latest rampage

WHO ARE THE REBELS?

They're mostly unemployed young Muslim men from Cabo Delgado, the northernmost province on the country's long Indian Ocean coastline

OVER 800 RAIDS SINCE 2017

The number of attacks since 2017 has risen to more than 838, and more than 500 of those have been in the past year, according to the Armed Conflict Location and Event Data project

2.6K

people have been killed. About 90,000 people displaced at the start of 2020. It has gone up to over 6.7 lakh now

U.S. SENDS SPECIAL FORCES

The United States last month declared Mozambique's rebels to be a terror organisation and sent special operations forces officers to carry out a two-month training of Mozambique's marines

Portugal said it's sending 60 officers to provide training and said the European Union is considering military support

Use of force on Floyd was unnecessary: Police veteran

MINNEAPOLIS

AMERICAN police officer Derek Chauvin's use of force against George Floyd was "totally unnecessary," the longest-serving officer in the Minneapolis Police Department testified on Friday.

Lieutenant Richard Zimmerman, giving evidence for the prosecution on the fifth day of Chauvin's murder and manslaughter trial, said the sacked 19-year veteran officer had violated department policies on the use of force.

Zimmerman told prosecutor Matthew Frank that he had reviewed bystander video and police bodycam footage of Floyd's May 25, 2020 arrest by Chauvin and three other officers who are also facing charges.

Asked by Frank what he thought about Chauvin's use of force against Floyd, Zimmerman said: "Totally unnecessary." "Pulling him down to the ground facedown and putting your knee on a neck for that amount of time, it's just uncalled for," he said. "I saw no reason why the officers felt they were in danger to use that kind of force," he said.

Video shows Chauvin, who is white, kneeling on the neck of a handcuffed Floyd for more than nine minutes following the arrest of the 46-year-old Black man for passing a counterfeit fake $20 bill.

Floyd's death sparked protests against racial injustice and police brutality across the United States and around the world.

Prosecutors are seeking to prove that Chauvin's actions led to the death of Floyd, who was lying on his stomach, facedown in the street saying repeatedly: "I can't breathe." *AFP*

$579.28 bn was India's forex reserve as of March 26, according to RBI data. This was an decrease of $2.986 billion over the previous week

H-1B visa filing increases as Trump-era rules lapse

With the expiration of the order, IT firms may begin to step up hiring

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

H-1B visa applications for 2021-22 has seen an uptick after the Joe Biden government let a June 2020 executive order banning the issuance of new non-immigrant worker visas expire The U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) said in a statement that it has received more electronic H-1B cap registrations than available H-1B numbers under the quota of 85,000 new H-1B filings, necessitating a lottery. Typically, Indians account for 60 per cent of such visa applications, according to official estimates. The USCIS had conducted two rounds of the lottery system last year due to insufficient applications for H-1B visas.

"We randomly selected from among the registrations properly submitted to reach the cap. We have notified all prospective petitioners with selected registrations that they are eligible to file an H-1B cap-subject petition for the beneficiary named in the applicable selected registration," the agency said.

> **We have notified all petitioners with selected registrations that they are eligible to file an H-1B cap-subject petition for the beneficiary named in the selected registration**
>
> U.S Citizenship and Immigration Services

Former US President Donald Trump had barred the entry of eligible work visa holders, first for 60 days till August, which was later extended till December and then March 31, 2021. Despite repeated pleas by a few Republican lawmakers for a further extension in the ban due to the second wave of coronavirus, the Biden administration has decided otherwise. With the expiration of the order, those who were impacted by the travel ban will now be able to resume work in the US. It will thereby permit US-based IT companies to begin hiring foreign workers again.

A republic senator from Missouri wrote a letter to the US President saying that the H-1B ban has protected native workers from the pandemic-induced stress. "With millions of struggling Americans out of work – and millions more desperate to make ends meet – now is not the time to open the floodgates to thousands of foreign workers," he said. The Biden administration has also asked the Department of Labour to review two other rules proposed to toughen the selection of H1-B workers, including the lottery selection system and the current wage structure.

NEWSCOPE

ALLOWING ELECTORAL BONDS IS A LETDOWN FOR THE VOTER

GURBIR SINGH

THE Supreme Court, by failing to stop the issue of electoral bonds from April 1, has once again wasted a golden opportunity to clean up institutional corruption.

It was a scheme announced by then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, while presenting his 2017 Budget, and implemented in January 2018. He positioned electoral bonds as part of his reforms in political funding, and described it as a measure to cleanse the system. But this Kafkaesque logic was exactly opposite of true intent. Electoral bonds are meant to erect an opaque wall to keep the donors of political funds anonymous, while legalizing such donations.

In rejecting the plea for stay by the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR) of these electoral bonds ahead of the elections in 5 states, the apex court has used a tautological argument. Justifying dismissing the challenge to electoral bonds, the court said: ".In the light of the fact that he Scheme was introduced on 2.1.2018; that the bonds are released at periodical intervals in January, April, July and October of every year; that they had been so released in the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 without any impediment; .we do not see any justification for the grant of stay..."

SLIPPING TRANSPARENCY

The electoral bonds were released "without any impediment" because the apex court refused to give a hearing to the petitioners all these years. The petitions were filed way back in 2017 soon after announcement of the scheme, and once the details were put into practice in January 2018, the petitions were updated and again moved. Over all these years these petitions have not been heard.

By this logic, if a few more series of the electoral bonds are released by the government, the petitioners may have to kiss goodbye to a final hearing!

The process of scrubbing dirty money via a political donation is simple: The donor buys electoral bonds in various denominations from any notified branch of the State Bank (SBI), and gives it to the political party of his choice. The receiver then has 15 days to cash the bonds. The only safeguard is: the donor has to give his ID details to the SBI at the point of purchase. The person who remains in the dark is the voter. He never comes to know from whom a party receives its donations; and how much.

Perhaps the court should have taken heed of the slipping transparency levels in the country. Transparency International, that brings out a corruption perception index for 180 countries, released its findings for 2020 in January this year. It showed India had slipped 6 places to 86th spot in the 'corruption index'. Not very flattering!

RBI, EC IGNORED

The Supreme Court also seems to have ignored significant objections by two important institutions - the RBI and the Election Commission. The EC, in 2019 had filed a counter-affidavit in the case calling the anonymous electoral bonds a "retrograde step as far as transparency of donations is concerned."

The EC has also pointed out that by the amended Section 29C of the Representation of Peoples Act, every political party has to report donations above ₹20,000. This should obviously cover donations through electoral bonds too, but it doesn't!

In respect of the Reserve Bank, the apex court only seems to have taken note of RBI's opposition to the electoral bond format as a physical scrip while pressing it should be of demat form. If it had dug deeper, the court would have found that the RBI had vociferously objected before the scheme was released as part of the 2017 Budget presentation by Arun Jaitley. The Finance Ministry, which had got the note from the Reserve Bank in January end, 2017 dismissed it with the endorsement that the RBI had not understood the scheme, and that it was too late to consider before the budget.

In its 30 January letter, the RBI had said that the electoral bonds would set a "bad precedent" and that it would encourage money laundering. It also stated that electoral bonds would become another type of 'bearer bonds' whose ownership would be difficult to trace.

The top court also commented that it is not always the ruling party that has benefited from the electoral bonds. However, of the ₹6,128 crore worth of electoral bonds issued so far since January 2018, the lion's share of 90 per cent has gone to the BJP.

In the last issue in January 2019, just before the Lok Sabha elections, ₹1,450 crore worth of bonds were cashed by the BJP, as compared to the Congress which only managed ₹383 crore.

The Supreme Court is still to hear the case against electoral bonds finally on merits. When it does, hopefully it will consider the rights of the voter to transparency; and the misuse such a scheme allows for the party in power to milk funds from doubtful quarters.

AMIT BANDRE

Petrol, diesel price revision unchanged for fourth day

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

OIL marketing companies (OMCs) continued to keep fuel prices unchanged on Saturday, with petrol and diesel prices across the four metros remaining untouched for the fourth day in a row. Pump price of petrol and diesel remained at previous days level of ₹90.56 and ₹80.87 a litre respectively in the capital.

Petrol and diesel fell by 22 paisa and 23 paisa per litre, respectively, on Tuesday in the wake global softening of oil prices. OMC have decide to pause price revision as crude has again gained and climbed up to close to $65 a barrel from a lower $ 60 a barrel earlier.

Across the country as well, the petrol and diesel price remain static on Saturday but its retail levels varied depending on the level of local levies on respective states.

In Mumbai, petrol continues to be priced at ₹96.98 a litre and diesel at ₹87.96 a litre. Premium petrol, however, continues to remain over ₹100 a litre in the city as is the case with several cities across the country. The OMCs went on price cut for the first time this year on two consecutive days — March 24 and 25 — after keeping oil prices steady for past 24 days. It again reduced the price on March 30. Fuel prices were last revised upwards on February 27 and ever since then retail prices remained unchanged even though during the period crude jumped to over $70 a barrel. It is now slightly up at $ 63.5 a barrel.

Rising prices to disrupt economic recovery

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's slow but sure economic rebound faces rising inflation as the next big hurdle to attain faster recovery. A further surge in global commodity prices may hit consumption and have serious implications for India's economy which is still struggling to come out of the Covid-19 impact, according to ratings agency Ind-Ra said.

"A higher retail inflation not accompanied by a commensurate increase in wage growth will adversely impact the consumption demand and in turn investment revival in the economy," it said, adding though a spike in global agricultural commodity prices could benefit India, it may not move the needle favourably. That's because India, despite the world's biggest exporter of Basmati rice, exported just $6.59 billion worth of cereals and imported vegetable oil and pulses worth $9.66 billion and $1.44 billion, respectively, in FY20.

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The rating agency added that while exports suffered, India's import bill on oil, coal and nonferrous metals was $129.86 billion, $22.45 billion and $13.14 billion, respectively, despite cutting on petrol imports.

According to the agency, a faster-than-expected recovery in demand, the stimulus measures announced by the US, the roll out of Covid-19 vaccine and ultra-low interest rates are fuelling the surge in commodity prices.

Consequently, energy commodity prices over the past six months have increased by 55.4 per cent, the increase in non-energy commodity prices is 19.3 per cent. Among the major non-energy subgroups, agricultural commodities rose 16 per cent, fertilisers 30.2 per cent and metals and minerals by 25.1 per cent.

Additionally, Ind-Ra warned against a commodity super cycle. This phenomenon occurs as a "long-term, above-trend movement in a wide range of base material prices, driven by a structural change in demand". For instance, the last such super cycle started in early 2000 and lasted till the global financial crisis of 2008.

EXPRESS READ

Bajaj Electricals declares lay-off at UP unit

New Delhi: Bajaj Electricals on Saturday said it has declared lay-off at its manufacturing unit located at Shikohabad in Uttar Pradesh. The layoff is with effect from April 3, 2021, until further notice, the company said in a regulatory filing. " We have to inform you that the company has declared lay-off, as per the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947..., w.e.f. April 3, 2021 until further notice,' the company said.

EV makers line up launches as sales pick up in March

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DEMAND for electric four-wheelers has witnessed a sequential improvement in March as two leading players in this segment — Tata Motors and MG Motor — registered their highest ever monthly sales. Tata Motors said sales of its Nexon EV has crossed the 4,000-unit mark, while British brand MG Motor sold 5,528 units to clock the highest-ever sales figure during the month.

MG said it also achieved highest-ever sales for its Hector and ZS EV in March.

"MG ZS EV's increased traction is also being witnessed across various quarters including luxury buyers looking for a personal driving experience," said Rakesh Sidanaz Director – Sales, MG Motor India.

According to Shailesh Chandra, President, Passenger Vehicles Business Unit, Tata Motors, the company has registered its highest ever monthly and quarterly sales of 705 EVs and 1,711 EVs in March 2021 and Q4 FY21, respectively. "The Nexon EV, the highest sold EV in the country, crossed the milestone of 4,000 units, since its launch in January 2020," he said. The Nexon EV has quickly emerged as India's top selling electric four-wheeler and commands a market share of over 60 per cent. Its sales surpassed the 2,000 mark in 10 months while the next 2,000 came in just 4 months time.

Meanwhile, the two OEMs also plan to expand their electric product portfolio. Tata Motors is expected to launch the electric version of its popular hatchback Altroz in near future, according to multiple reports. MG Motor, on the other hand, is working to launch an EV in India that will be priced below ₹20 Lakh and one that would give a range of 500km on a single charge.

In the next few months, India's electric car market is also set to see launches from luxury players such as Volvo and German carmaker Audi.

Payments industry faces ripple effect of zero MDR

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE digital payments industry has been voicing their concerns ever since the government introduced a zero MDR policy in December 2019, directing banks and payment platforms not to levy charges from merchants in any business-to-consumer (B2C) transactions. According to the latest report from Consumer Voice (consumer protection group), the policy is adversely affecting players in the ecosystem and the ways in which they contribute to financial inclusion.

According to per the Zero MDR policy, which came into effect from January, 2020, business establishments with an annual turnover of over ₹50 crore shall offer low cost digital modes of payments such as BHIM, UPI, QR code and Aadhaar Pay as well as certain debit cards, NEFT or RTGS transactions to customers. No charges or MDR shall be levied on either the customers or the merchants. The central bank will absorb these costs from the savings that will accrue to them on account of handling less cash as people move to these digital modes of payments.

The report added that the decision of the government aimed at bringing more financial inclusivity has proved to be counterproductive as the debit card payments in terms of volumes fell from 4,637 lakh transactions in January 2020 to 2,723 lakh transactions in May 2020. It added that the non-bank payment service providers are struggling to sustain their businesses and on the other hand, the provision to absorb MDR costs is affecting profitability.

Business & Beyond

Inauguration of Rooftop solar plant at Durgapur Steel Plant held

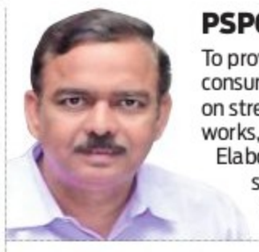
Durgapur Steel Plant has installed a rooftop solar unit inside its premises to produce eco-friendly steel and green energy. BP Singh, ED (Works), DSP inaugurated the 60KWp capacity grid connected rooftop solar plant in the presence of senior officials. Under the Ministry of New Renewable Energy (MNRE), central PSUs opting for installation of rooftop solar plants are required to pay 75 per cent of the project cost and the balance capital expenditure shall be borne by the union government.

GRSE hands over ₹ 53 lakh to IICP, signs pact with Ramkrishna Mission

Rear Admiral V.K. Saxena, IN (Retd.), CMD, GRSE, handed over a cheque of ` 53.08 lakh to the life skill training unit of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP). GRSE adopted two education development units and a vocational training unit. Besides, it has signed a new MoU with Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math to support its project — Gadadhar Abhyudaya Prakalpa (GAP)— aimed at development of poor children, to develop five new GAP units in Ranchi.

PPT handles record 115 MT cargo in FY21

Paradip Port Trust (PPT) has achieved an all-time record of 114.55 million tonne cargo handling for 2020-21. PPT chairman Vinit Kumar said the port beat adversities like cyclone Amphan and the ongoing Covid-19 crisis to achieve the feat of over 100 million tonne cargo handling for the fourth consecutive year. The achievement is remarkable given that two of the berths at the port are not functioning due to mechanisation work, PPT said in a statement.



PSPCL approves ₹36,767 cr budget for 2021-22

To provide uninterrupted, reliable and quality power supply to all categories of the consumers in the state, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) is focussing on strengthening the distribution sector and power purchase, including transmission works, for which ` 36767.37 crore has been allocated for the financial year 2021-22. Elaborating on the details, PSPCL chairman and managing director A Venu Prasad said that the budget provision includes ` 34,688.68 crore for revenue expenditure, while ` 2,078.69 crore is earmarked for capital expenditure.

DMF introduces job readiness program for youth of Sundargarh

For the first time in Odisha, the Job Readiness Program has been started at Rangiamunda, Sundargarh on the auspicious day of Utkal Divas. The program has been inaugurated at Sewak, an authorised learning centre of OKCL by district collector of Sundargarh, Nikhil Pavan Kalyan in the presence of Manoranjan Puthal, MD of OKCL and other officials.

Sain Rawat appointed CMD of Bridge and Roof

Sain Singh Rawat has assumed the charge of chairman and managing Director of Bridge & Roof Co. (I) Ltd. He is already holding the post of Director (Project Management) and this is an additional charge entrusted upon him by GOI. He has held dual charge in previous instances also. During his charge as CMD in 2018-19, there was a jump in the turnover to ` 3,082 crore as against ` 2,056 crore in the previous year

POIRIER, MCGREGOR AGREE TRILOGY FIGHT: REPORTS

Dustin Poirier has signed on to face **Conor McGregor** in a third meeting between the two mixed martial arts rivals, US media reports said on Friday. Multiple reports said Poirier had agreed to face Irish star McGregor at UFC 264 on July 10.

Fair chance to win a medal at Tokyo Olympics: Sharath

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

POSSIBLE.

A Sharath Kamal keeps uttering this word for the question 'is it possible to win a medal in singles at the Olympics?' Taken in isolation, it's a ridiculous assertion. Even if Indian players have regularly qualified in table tennis, they have never really challenged the elite. The paddlers' record is so poor they have, between them, managed to win just three matches since 2004.

But Sharath, responsible for two of those three wins, makes a compelling argument. "I have never gone into an Olympics such highly ranked, I am No 32. I have a fair chance in singles and a very big chance in mixed doubles (with Manika Batra)," he tells this daily.

"We beat the World No 5 in the final round of qualification (in Doha). If we are able to beat the World No 5, we should be able to take on most of the pairs in the Olympics. That is why I think in mixed, we stand a very fair chance to win a medal. We have beaten a couple of pairs who are in the top eight in the rankings. We have lost to them as well. But both of us know what it takes to prepare for these big matches."

The size of the draw is another big plus point. With just 16 pairs, winning two matches will put the Asian Games bronze medallists in a semifinal. To work towards this, the pair put in a lot of behind-the-scenes work in Doha. To ensure the pair keeps up the momentum and builds some continuity ahead of the Games, they will train together at some point, either in Pune (depending on the Covid situation) or Chennai sometime in the next two months.

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The 38-year-old is also hopeful of going beyond the second round in the singles competition, something he has never done in his previous Olympics. "This will be my best Olympics in terms of performance and results," he says. Why does he say that? After 'sulking' in the initial part of lockdown last year, he got down to work. Not his skills but he took a good hard look at his metabolism before deciding to completely understand his body mechanics.

"I think in the last 10 years, this is the best I have felt (physically and mentally). We went into a lot of details during the Covid-19 lockdown, breaking down my complete body mechanics. We tried to figure out what's working and what's not." A big part of that exercise was to to prevent his back from tightening after multiple matches and to avoid sharp shoots of pain after tournaments.

The Chennai player is of the opinion that it's brought about the desired effect. "This is the first time that after five tournaments, I feel nothing pain-wise. We worked on it in a very scientific manner. Even now my trainer wants me to lose a few more kilos but it's very tough now (laughs). As I always say, even the water I drink is turning into fat. But, yes, really happy with the shape I am in heading into the Olympics." That's the one qualifier he inserts to a medal chance at Tokyo. "If I am in this kind of shape in the next three months, it is possible (a singles medal)," he says. "But it's a long drawn tournament, need to be at the top of my game for almost eight-nine days. That's something I will have to figure out. At the CWG, we had to play all 15 days but I wasn't at the top of all my game. At the Olympics, you cannot afford to do that."

For the full interview, visit New Indian Express channel (TNIE Videos) on YouTube

Amid the usual suspects of wrestling, shooting, boxing and badminton, Sharath & Co. could make table tennis compelling viewing from an Indian perspective.

MUMBAI REMAINS A VENUE

Multiple Covid cases hit league with just a few days to go but BCCI firm that city will play host

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

DESPITE at least eight ground staff at the Wankhede Stadium, a photographer from Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals all-rounder Axar Patel and six from its operations team testing positive for Covid-19, the BCCI isn't looking beyond Mumbai as a host city for the IPL beginning on April 9.

The IPL begins in Chennai on April 9 and Mumbai will host its first match a day later between Chennai Super Kings and Delhi Capitals. Although eight Wankhede ground staff and six who are handling its operations tested positive for Covid-19, the BCCI isn't pressing any panic button yet since none of them have come in contact with those in the bio-bubble.

Delhi Capitals revealed that Axar Patel has tested positive for Covid-19

The story is similar in Axar's case because he was yet to enter the bubble and was serving his isolation period when he tested positive in the second Covid-19 test. The BCCI believes these things are beyond control as it happened during the travel and maintains once everyone enters the bubble, its safety measures will ensure an incident-free IPL like last year.

Although continuing with Mumbai as a host city might appear a risk, particularly on a day the city added over 9000 new cases, the BCCI believes it will be even more risky to move to a different city at the eleventh hour.

For instance, it needs at least two weeks time to set up a bio-secure bubble because even the hotel staff have to be quarantined for two weeks. So the possibility of shifting to another city will only add to complications. Moreover, the BCCI believes its Covid protocols are second to none.

Hotels open to public?

Apart from regular testing, the BCCI's medical team has been keeping track of the movements too. But from the franchises part there are a few concerns, especially with regards to the hotels. For instance, the hotels the teams are staying in Mumbai are partially open to public. Only designated floors come under bio-bubble. Although the hotel staff who deal with the teams don't come into contact with the outside world, but the elevators have been identified as high risk.

While teams have been allotted separate elevators by the hotel, it seems to be impossible to restrict other guests from using them. In a city like Mumbai, where the cases are on the higher side, it is seen as a huge risk. But shifting the event out of Mumbai isn't something they are not keen on. "We have completed the isolation period and have started practicing. There are few difficulties which we have to overcome before making it safely to the bubble. Once we are in, it should be smooth," a franchise official said. **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

TEAM WATCH DC

2019 (Playoffs), 2020 (runners-up)... Delhi Capitals are getting close to their maiden title. Can they go all the way in the 14th edition? On paper, they are one of the strongest and most balanced side. Even though regular skipper Shreyas Iyer will miss the season due to a shoulder injury, this Rishabh Pant-led side with a good mix of youngsters and experienced campaigners could easily be the team to beat if things go according to plan.

IPL 5 DAYS TO GO

STRENGTHS

They have one of the best set of Indian batsmen and spinners. More importantly, they are match-winners with the likes of Pant, Prithvi Shaw, Ravichandran Ashwin, Axar Patel in their ranks. Also, their squad depth is second to none. What provides Delhi an edge is their core, which more or less remains the same as last season sans Iyer, and it puts them in a good stead.

WEAKNESSES

To be fair, they do not have a glaring weakness in the team. If any, there are question marks over the quality of Indian pacers. Delhi might claim to have Ishant Sharma and Umesh Yadav, but their economy rate of 8.09 and 8.51 does not bode well. It means they will have to depend on overseas players, including Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje once again.

THREATS

How will **Pant (Rishabh)** fare as skipper? The youngster might be an experienced IPL player, but leading a franchise is a different ball game altogether. One of the big decisions he, alongside the team management, needs to make is regarding the playing XI, especially picking four overseas players. Irrespective of the side, which takes to the field, Delhi have to strive for consistency. Last season, they were poor at the end of the group stages. They cannot afford such inconsistencies.

SQUAD: Rishabh Pant (capt, wk), Ajinkya Rahane, Prithvi Shaw, Shikhar Dhawan, Steve Smith, Avesh Khan, Ishant Sharma, Anrich Nortje, Kagiso Rabada, Praveen Dubey, Lalit Yadav, Amit Mishra, Axar Patel, Ravichandran Ashwin, Chris Woakes, Marcus Stoinis, Shimron Hetmyer, Sam Billings (wk), Tom Curran, Lukman Meriwala, M Siddharth, Vishnu Vinod, Ripal Patel, Umesh Yadav.

Rowers also vaccinated as part of Army drive before Japan qualifiers

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

ALL athletes, both working with the Indian Army as well as all those in camps in the Army premises, are being administered Covid-19 vaccines. Just last month, this newspaper reported about archers receiving their first vaccine jab and now rowers have been inoculated too. However, women rowers in Bhopal have not been inoculated as they are training outside Army facilities.

The national rowing camp is being held at the Army Rowing Node, Pune and the men's team that will participate in the Asian and Oceania Continental Olympic Qualification Regatta to be held in Tokyo from May 5 to 7 have all been vaccinated. All the male rowers received their second dose early on Saturday.

Jakar Khan (single sculls), Arjun Lal Jat (double sculls), Arvind Singh (double sculls), Sunil Attri (single and double sculls) and Shantanu Kumar (para) in the men's half have been vaccinated along with the national coach Ismail Baig. All the 12 rowers who are part of the national camp and the remaining two coaches inside the camp will also be vaccinated this month as part of the vaccination drive of the Army.

The female rowers are in Bhopal and they have, however, not received any jab. The Bhopal camp is run at the SAI centre. The female rowers who will vie for qualification are Khushpreet Kaur (single sculls), Vindhya Sankat (double sculls), Rukmani Dangi (double sculls), and Sona Keer (single and double sculls).

"All our rowers have been vaccinated and that is a very good step being taken by the Army especially as it comes before such a crucial Olympic qualification tournament," RFI president Rajlaxmi Singh Deo informed this daily.

Regarding the team selection, eyebrows were raised when Olympians and Asian Games medallists Dattu Bhokanal and Sawarn Singh were not included in the line-up. According to RFI, Dattu was not regular during practice and he left the camp in November all of a sudden after which he was not allowed inside. The young upcoming rowers have shown marked improvement and the coaches are happy with their progress.

However, Dattu is miffed and has written to the federation twice asking for the reason why he was not being allowed to rejoin the camp. "I was having personal problems and had to leave. Now they are not allowing me inside and not even clarifying why," he said. Sawarn has returned to his Army unit and is currently harboring dreams of becoming a coach.

This will be the Indian rowing team's first competition since the 2019 Asian championship in Chungju, South Korea.

Kerala camp back Sanju to lead from front

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

THE appointment of Sanju Samson as the captain of Rajasthan Royals is probably one of the bravest calls made by any franchise ahead of the upcoming Indian Premier League.

Sanju has been a regular in the IPL and being named the skipper of a side full of international stars and World Cup winners is a big sign of trust by the franchise.

The wicketkeeper-batsman is not new to captaincy as Tinu Yohannan recently made him Kerala's captain for the 2021 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Under Sanju, Kerala narrowly missed out on qualification from the group stages as they finished third in Elite Group E. Yohannan feels Sanju will be up to the task as the Royals captain despite the weight of expectations. "It's a big call from the franchise, but Sanju has been playing in the IPL for quite a long time. He knows the tournament really well and he really enjoys the platform. He's been learning from the best like Shane Warne and others and it's all about backing yourself. The idea is not to over-complicate things but focus on his game and learn to finish off games for them," said Yohannan.

The former RCB man feels that he can take a leaf out of MS Dhoni's career. "Dhoni is a fine example to follow. I hope he matures as a cricketer and learns to win games for his team with his batting. He won't get overawed by the responsibility because the star players and seniors in the team are there to help him."

Sanju's Kerala teammate MD Nidheesh, who is currently with the Royals squad as a net bowler, feels the 26-year-old should be given time. "It's one of the toughest leagues in the world but I feel Sanju is ready. The results may not come right away but he'll find his feet soon."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Lahiri climbs to T8 after second round

SAN ANTONIO (TEXAS): Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri battled to a three-under 69 to move up to tied eighth after the second round of the Valero Texas Open, five shots behind leader Cameron Tringale. After turning in 35 with a birdie on two, Lahiri endured a rollercoaster back nine with three birdies, three bogeys and one eagle at TPC San Antonio for a two-day total of four-under 140 on Friday.

Late flourish enables Aditi to make cut

Rancho Mirage (US): India's Aditi Ashok battled hard to pick up three birdies in a five-hole stretch in the second round and make the cut at the ANA Inspiration golf tournament here. Aditi was tied 59th after 36 holes. The 23-year-old Indian star, a three-time winner on the Ladies European Tour, made the cut at ANA Inspiration for the second time, the first being in 2017 when she was T-42.

FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Five-star West Brom stun Chelsea

AFP @London

CHELSEA manager Thomas Tuchel suffered the first defeat of his reign as struggling West Bromwich Albion took advantage of Thiago Silva's red card to earn a stunning 5-2 win on Saturday. Tuchel had overseen a 14-match unbeaten run in all competitions since replacing the sacked Frank Lampard in January.

But that impressive start came to an embarrassing end as West Brom ran riot at Stamford Bridge. Christian Pulisic put Chelsea ahead early in the first half, only for Brazil defender Thiago to get his marching orders moments later for a second booking.

That proved the turning point as Albion's Matheus Pereira struck twice in first half stoppage-time.

Mbaye Diagne grabbed West Brom's third goal and Callum Robinson netted twice to leave Tuchel shell-shocked.

Mason Mount's reply was no consolation as Chelsea's bid to qualify for next season's Champions League via a top four finish in the Premier League suffered a significant blow.

The Blues, beaten for the first time in 10 league games, remain fourth for now, but both West Ham and Tottenham would go above them if they win on Monday and Sunday respectively.

After conceding just two goals in Tuchel's reign, with seven consecutive clean-sheets since the defence was last breached at Southampton in February, this was a rude awakening for Chelsea.

Milan held

MILAN: Norwegian midfielder Jens Petter Hauge snatched a late equaliser to salvage a point for AC Milan whose poor home run continued with a 1-1 draw against 10-man Sampdoria.

Real see off Eibar

MADRID: A patched-up Real Madrid began a crucial week by beating Eibar 2-0 on Saturday to increase the pressure on Atletico Madrid at the top of La Liga. Madrid welcomed a comfortable win thanks to goals from Marco Asensio and Karim Benzema.

Matheus Pereira scores West Brom's opening goal against Chelsea | AP

LOCAL EXPRESS

KSCA suspends U-16 zonal tournament

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The Karnataka State Cricket Association has decided to suspend the ongoing U-16 zonal tournament as a precautionary measure due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation. However, a two-day match, which started on Saturday, will continue as it ends today. The remaining matches will be rescheduled after reviewing the situation.

Morning Boys 'B' thrash Coorg Stormers

Morning Boys 'B' defeated Coorg Stormers 11-3 in the Charios Hockey Cup at the Field Marshal K.M.Cariappa Hockey Arena here on Saturday. In one of the other interesting clash of the day, DYES 'A' beat Jude Felix Hockey Academy 2-0.

'A' division basketball league from April 23

Karnataka State Basketball Association will conduct the State A Division League Basketball Championship for Prof N C Parappa Memorial Trophy at the Sri Kanteerava Stadium from April 23. In all, 13 teams are set to participate in the competition, which will take shape over the weekend -- Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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LinkedIn is giving nearly all of its 15,900 full-time workers next week off as it seeks to avoid burnout and allow its employees to recharge. The Microsoft-owned firm said that the "RestUp!" week starting Monday is meant to give employees time for their own well-being.

ISAMU AKASAKI
1929-2021

2014

Akasaki won the 2014 prize with two other scientists, Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura. "They succeeded where everyone else had failed," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said

EXFILE • TECHNOLOGY

THE LIGHTING REVOLUTION

Japanese Nobel laureate Isamu Akasaki, who won the physics prize for pioneering energy-efficient LED lighting -- a weapon against global warming and poverty -- has died aged 92, his university said on Friday. We take a look at how LEDs have changed the world

1990s

The trio developed the blue light-emitting diode, described as a "revolutionary" invention by the Nobel jury, in the 1990s, after three long decades of dogged work, when they managed to coax bright blue beams from semiconductors

LIFESPAN OF LAMPS

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FLUORESCENT LIGHTS - 10,000 HOURS

INCANDESCENT BULBS - 1,000 HOURS

BRIGHT RECORD

LED lamps last for tens of thousands of hours and use just a fraction of energy compared with the incandescent lightbulb pioneered by Thomas Edison in the 19th century

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

More than one-fourth of world's energy use is taken up by lighting, making the LED invention a game-changer for humanity. For the same amount of energy, LED bulbs give us four times the light of a fluorescent bulb and almost 20 times the light of an incandescent bulb

ALL IN THE COLOUR

Red and green diodes had been around for a long time, but devising a blue LED was the holy grail, as all three colours need to be mixed to recreate the white light of the Sun

SMARTPHONE TECH

As well as providing the missing piece of the puzzle for bright white lamps, their breakthrough also helped develop the colour LED screens used in smartphones and a plethora of modern tech

NO RECOGNITION

In an interview published by Meijo University in 2010, Akasaki described the trio's struggle to earn recognition for their work

"When we announced in 1981 results which were important at that time at an international conference, there was no reaction. I felt alone in the wilderness," he said

"But I was determined not to quit this research, even if I was alone"

Don't be fooled by fashionable subjects. Do whatever you like if it's really what you want to do. At first, it was said that this could not be invented during the 20th century. A lot of people left (the research project), but I never considered doing so

UK regulator discloses 7 clot deaths

MHRA says Astra vaccine is safe even after revealing fatalities as a result of rare blood clots

MEDICINE

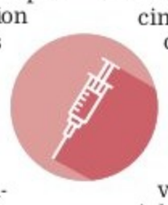
LONDON: Britain's medicines regulator is urging people to continue taking the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine, despite revealing that seven people in the UK have died from rare blood clots after getting the jab.

The Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency, or MHRA, said it wasn't clear if the shots are causing the clots, and that its "rigorous review into the U.K. reports of rare and specific types of blood clots is ongoing."

Though the agency said late Friday that seven people had died as a result of developing blood clots, it didn't disclose any information about their ages or health conditions.

In total, MHRA said had identified 30 cases of rare blood clot events out of 18.1 million AstraZeneca doses administered up to and including March 24. The risk associated with this type of blood clot is "very small," it added.

"The benefits of COVID-19 vaccine AstraZeneca in preventing COVID-19 infection and its complications continue to outweigh any risks and the public should continue to get their vaccine when invited to do so," said Dr. June Raine, the agency's chief executive.



Concerns over the AstraZeneca vaccine has already prompted some countries including Canada, France, Germany and the Netherlands to restrict its use to older people. The U.K., which has rolled out coronavirus vaccines faster than other European nations, is particularly reliant on the AstraZeneca vaccine, which was developed by scientists at the University of Oxford.

MHRA's view about the relative benefits of the vaccine is shared by the European Medicines Agency. It has said a causal link between unusual blood clots in people who have had the vaccine is "not proven, but is possible," and that the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks of side effects. The World Health Organization has also urged countries to continue using the jab.

Adam Finn, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Bristol, said the "extreme rarity" of the blood-clotting events in the context of the millions of jabs administered in the U.K. makes the decision facing people very straightforward. "Receiving the vaccine is by far the safest choice in terms of minimizing individual risk of serious illness or death," he said.

A more detailed look at the MHRA's findings show that of the 30 cases, 22 related to cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, which stops blood draining from the brain properly, and eight were connected with other thrombosis events with low platelets.

It said there were no reports of any blood-clotting events around the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, which has also been widely rolled out in the U.K.e no reports of any blood-clotting events around the Pfizer vaccine, which has also been widely rolled out in the UK.

Successful robot artist now eyes music career

TECHNOLOGY

HONG KONG: Sophia is a robot of many talents — she speaks, jokes, sings and even makes art. In March, she caused a stir in the art world when a digital work she created as part of a collaboration was sold at an auction for $688,888 in the form of a non-fungible token (NFT). The sale highlighted a growing frenzy in the NFT market, where people can buy ownership rights to digital content. NFTs each have a unique digital code saved on blockchain ledgers that allow anyone to verify the authenticity and ownership of items.

Sophia is the most famous robot creation from Hanson Robotics, with the ability to mimic facial expressions, hold conversations and recognize people. In 2017, she was granted Saudi Arabian citizenship, becoming the world's first robot citizen.

Sophia collaborated with Italian artist Andrea Bonaceto, who drew portraits of Sophia. Sophia then processed his work via neural networks and proceeded to create a digital artwork of her own.

Sophia will carry on painting and the next step in the robot's career could be that of a musician. She is working on several musical works in a project called Sophia Pop, where she collaborates with human musicians to generate music and lyrics.

ON THE PROWL

A leopard walks inside the Yala National Park in the southern district of Yala, Sri Lanka, 250 kms southwest of Colombo | AFP

MUMMY MULTITUDE

Egypt set for Golden Parade of 22 pharaohs

ARCHAEOLOGY

CAIRO: The mummified remains of 22 Egyptian pharaohs, including the most powerful ancient queen, are to be paraded through the streets of Cairo Saturday, in a procession to a new resting place.

Under the watchful eyes of security forces, the mummies will be moved seven kilometres (four miles) across the capital from the iconic Egyptian Museum, where most have resided undisturbed for over a century, to the new National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation.

Dubbed the Pharaohs' Golden Parade, the 18 kings and four queens will travel in order, oldest first, each aboard a separate float decorated in ancient Egyptian style.

The interior ministry said both pedestrians and vehicles would be barred from Tahrir Square, site of the current museum, and other sections of the parade route, ahead of the 1600 GMT start.

"The whole world will be watching," said Egyptian archaeologist and former antiquities minister Zahi Hawass, who will commentate as the event unfolds live on state television. "This is an important 40 minutes in the life of the city of Cairo."

Seqenenre Tao II, "the Brave", who reigned over southern Egypt some 1,600 years before Christ, will be on the first chariot, while Ramses IX, who reigned in the 12th century BC, will be at the rear. Ramses II and Queen Hatshepsut, the most powerful female pharaoh, will also make the journey.

Emblazoned with the name of their allotted sovereign, the gold-coloured carriages will be fitted with shock absorbers for the trip, to ensure none of the precious cargos are accidentally disturbed.

Discovered near Luxor from 1881 onwards, most of the mummies have lain in the Egyptian Museum since the early 1900s. Fascinating new details of the pharaohs' lives are still emerging.

A recent study of Seqenenre Tao II, involving CT scans and 3D images of his hands and skull fractures, indicated that he was likely killed in a post-battle execution ceremony.

For their procession through Cairo's streets, the mummies will be in special containers filled with nitrogen, under conditions similar to their regular display cases.

Genetic disease delays mental growth in children

SCIENCE

LONDON: UK scientists have discovered a rare genetic disease, which causes delays in intellectual development and leads to early onset of cataracts, in children.

The condition is likely to affect one in 17 kids, however it is so new that it doesn't have a name yet, said the team from the Universities of Portsmouth and Southampton.

They found that a majority of patients with the condition were also microcephalic, a birth defect where a baby's head is smaller than expected when compared to babies of the same sex and age.

In the study, published in the journal Genome Medicine, the team found that changes in a gene called coat protein complex 1 (COPB1) is the reason behind this new genetic disease.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Medical help traded for oil

HEALTH

Officials from Beirut and Baghdad signed a preliminary deal that would see Lebanon trade its medical expertise for Iraqi fuel supplies. Lebanon's state-run power firm faces dire cash shortages as the country grapples with a severe economic crisis. On the other hand, oil-rich Iraq, which has seen Covid-19 cases soar in recent weeks, suffers from a chronic lack of drugs and medical care. Lebanon would receive 5,00,000 tonnes of oil annually, or a sixth of its needs. In return, Lebanon, once dubbed "the hospital of the Arab world", would help out with training and supply experts for managing new Iraq facilities.

Plants reduce toxic mercury

ENVIRONMENT

Plants absorb a vast amount of toxic mercury gas in the atmosphere and help reducing the pollutant worldwide by depositing the element into soils, said researchers. The process is similar to the absorption of carbon dioxide emissions by plants, said the team from University of Massachusetts Lowell. When the plants shed leaves or die, the mercury is transferred to soils where large amounts also make their way into watersheds, threatening wildlife and people who eat contaminated fish. The team collected 200 studies with data on mercury levels in vegetation from over 400 locations globally.

SAD DEMISE

G Narayana Reddy

DOB: 1.3.1960 DOD: 3.4.2021

Funeral shall take place at GNR Guest House, near Diamond College

Timing: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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30 g | ₹ 10*

Sugar Free 55% Dark Chocolate
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